



MP says tragedy highlights rough sleeper crisis

HOMELESS MAN DIES IN STREET

Report by Peter Madeley

AN INVESTIGATION is under way after a homeless man was found dead in a Dudley residential street.

The man, known locally as Steve, was found at a derelict plot on Priory Road, Dudley, where the old Duncan Edwards pub used to stand.

Residents said he had been sleeping rough there in a tent for several weeks. Dudley Council's homeless team said they had been trying to help him by giving him food and offering a place to stay. The authority is investigating the cause of death.

Ian Austin, MP for Dudley North, said: "It is not yet clear exactly what happened to Steve, but it's a scandal homeless people are dying on the streets in Britain today. People had contacted me about Steve and I had talked to Dudley's homelessness team to make sure he was getting help.

"I think they are working hard to help people, but it is not just a question of emergency accommodation because council and NHS cuts have hit the support and help available.

"Benefit changes like housing benefit cuts and sanctions have made it all much worse. The number of people sleeping rough has soared - not just in major cities but even in places like Dudley.

Policy

"The Government's policy is to halve it in five years and deal with it by 2027, which I think most people will think is hopeless when people like Steve are sleeping rough on the streets," added the Labour MP.

Councillor Laura Taylor, cabinet member for housing, said: "Tragically, we can confirm a man who had been sleeping in a tent on the Priory estate was found dead by two Police Community Support Officers on January 21.

"Investigations are still ongoing to determine the cause of death. The man was known to us as a rough sleeper and our officers had been out to visit him several times to offer assistance and shelter."

Home Office figures show the number of people sleeping rough on Britain's streets has rocketed by 73 per cent in three years. In the Black Country the number has tripled since 2011.

CYRILLE AT THE HAWTHORNS FOR THE LAST TIME



Hundreds gathered outside The Hawthorns to pay their respects as the hearse visited the ground, inset, Cyril Regis

HUNDREDS of football fans gathered at The Hawthorns and lined roads leading to the ground to say their final farewell to football hero Cyril Regis when his funeral was held on Tuesday.

The pioneering footballer, who played for Albion, Villa and Wolves while paving the way for a generation of black footballers, was celebrated at The Hawthorns with a public service.

Players and officials lined up to applaud the well-respected footballer when the hearse arrived at The Hawthorns as fans gathered to pay their respects to a Black Country football hero.

Following a private family funeral in the morning, the celebration of his life with 1,800 people in the East Stand was including tributes from those closest to the him from the world of sport and entertainment. Beverley

Knight was to sing at the service with tributes being given by his former team mate Brendon Batson, his widow Julia and his nephew former Albion footballer Jason Roberts.

Instead of flowers the family asked well-wishers to donate to three charities close to Cyril's heart, The Jason Roberts Foundation, Water Aid and Christians in Sport.

Cyril died on January 14 from a suspected heart attack at the age of 59.

BUSINESS

Shop fitting firm to lay off 50 staff

ONE of Dudley's biggest firms is set to lay off more than 50 staff after a series of major financial losses.

The Alan Nuttall Partnership in Hall Street, which specialises in shop fittings and displays, said the move followed consecutive years of poor performance, which it puts down to 'indecision from key customers'.

A letter to staff from HR manager Sue Judge says the company is proposing 52 redundancies 'because of the sizeable losses incurred during the 2016 and 2017 financial years'.

ANNIVERSARY

Silence for victims of Munich air crash

A MINUTE'S silence is to be observed at Manchester United's home Premier League match against Huddersfield on Saturday in memory of Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards and other victims of the Munich Air Disaster.

Fans will pay their respects outside the ground from 1.30pm with readings and prayer at the Munich plaque. A ceremony is also to be held inside Old Trafford on Tuesday afternoon to mark the 60th anniversary.

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POLICE

Man charged with murdering partner

A MAN has been charged with murdering his partner in Netherton.

Police have named the woman who died after being found with serious injuries at a house on Cinder Bank on Wednesday, January 24, as Claire Harris.

Ricardo Wilson, aged 50, of Cinder Bank, was appearing in court on Tuesday, January 30, charged with murder.

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Rat-infested shop boss has to pay £19k



Best Price Mini Market

THE owner of a rat-infested Dudley shop has been handed a £19,000 court bill.

Ejaz Ahmed, 43, was found guilty of eight offences at Best Price Mini Market, Ivanhoe Street. It included failing to keep the premises clean and not doing enough to protect against rats.

Dudley Magistrates heard how environmental health officers inspected the premises in March last year. They found a rat infestation and immediately closed the premises using emergency closure powers, subsequently backed by a court order, which forced the closure

of the business for 10 days whilst the pest problem was dealt with.

The offences also included failing to keep food premises clean and in good repair; failing to have adequate food safety procedures in place; failing to ensure that the premises were adequately protected against access by pests; failing to protect food from a risk of contamination; and failing to provide materials to cleanse or hygienically dry hands at washbasins in the toilets and butchery area.

In addition, adequate procedures were not in place to control pests, the

premises had neither adequate natural or artificial lighting in the lobby or walk-in chiller and food handlers were not adequately trained.

The court fined Mr Ahmed £16,000 along with £2,665 costs and a £170 victim surcharge.

Councillor Peter Miller, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "The public have a right to expect that the shops from which they purchase their food do not put their health at risk."

Dudley Council environmental health officers carry out regular inspections of food premises in the borough.

Man who 'just flipped' and attacked ex jailed

A MAN who repeatedly stabbed his ex-partner as she gave him a lift has been jailed for more than 10 years.

A court order banning 56-year-old Ralph Foster from contacting Shanoya Watson – imposed after he punched her in the face – ran out just months before the attack, Stafford Crown Court heard.

Other motorists watched in horror as the Citroen C2 with Miss Watson at the wheel veered into the path of oncoming traffic before swerving back. It careered into the kerb on Dudley Road, Himley, as the defendant launched an attack on the Russells Hall Hospital nurse with a kitchen knife. She told paramedics: "He just flipped."

Motorist Shaun Simms, travelling behind the Citroen on July 16, told the jury:

"I heard a lady screaming. She was shouting 'Save me, save me, he's trying to kill me'." Mr Simms took a metal bar from his car to protect himself and the woman. He tried to reason with Foster, who ignored him. This distracted Foster long enough for Miss Watson to grab the knife

and hurl it out of the window. Foster leapt into the driver's seat and sped away down Dudley Road. Around 300 yards later the father-of-two deliberately crashed into a Nissan Juke.

Miss Watson had two cuts to her scalp that needed 19 stitches and other injuries. Each claimed the other first drew the knife. His barrister, Mr Will Rose, said: "Then, in the heat of the moment, he did a terrible thing."

Foster, of Bayswater Road, Dudley, admitted causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He was acquitted of attempted murder but found guilty of aggravated vehicle taking.

He was jailed for 10 years three months and banned from driving for seven years.



Ralph Foster

Fond farewell to zoo's friendly lion



He was king of Castle Hill but Dudley Zoo's magnificent lion Jetpur has died at the age of 14

DUDLEY Zoo's male lion Jetpur has died aged 14, the venue has announced.

The Asiatic lion – who was born at the zoo in July 2003 – died in his sleep overnight on Sunday.

Jetpur was born at the zoo to parents Max and Gir in 2003, Jetpur moved to Mulhouse Zoological and Botanical Park in France in 2005

as part of a European conservation programme. He returned home to the Black Country a decade later in October 2015 to join the zoo's two lioness sisters, Kyra and Asha, in the one-acre Lion Ridge.

Curator Richard Brown said: "Jetpur was a very placid lion and was a popular cat with his keepers."

"However his legacy will live on,

as he sired eight cubs during his time in France, who went on to start families of their own in collections around Europe. His offspring have gone on to have a total of 16 cubs and he was also a great-grandfather to a further four."

The zoo is awaiting a full veterinary report to establish cause of death.

Driver, 18, challenges ban and gets a reduction

A YOUNG motorist who was banned from the road for five years and five months after leading police on a dangerous chase has had his driving ban reduced after arguing that a long ban would harm his rehabilitation.

Nathan Luke Cook, aged 18, of Lawley Street, Dudley, sped off in a Peugeot 106 after police spotted him driving while uninsured through Wolverhampton.

He repeatedly broke the speed limit, went through red lights, overtook without indicating and drove on the wrong side of the road.

Eventually, he abandoned the car in Interclyde Drive, Parkfields, during the August incident and was later arrested by police.

Cook admitted dangerous driving, driving while uninsured and driving without a licence. He was jailed for 10 months at Wolverhampton Crown Court in October.

Cook was also originally banned from driving for five years and five months but has now had two years slashed from his disqualification by senior judges.

Chances

His legal team had argued the original ban was so long it could actually harm his chances of rehabilitating after his sentence.

Mr Justice Jeremy Baker agreed and cut the length of the ban, saying: "This aspect of the sentence was manifestly excessive and should be reduced."

The court heard Cook claimed he panicked when he realised the officers had spotted him driving because he did not have a licence.

He had then driven dangerously, including past a children's play area, while his female passenger begged him to stop.

After driving into a dead end, he abandoned the still moving car and ran off.

His passenger was rescued from the vehicle, which went down an embankment.

Mr Justice Baker, sitting at the Court of Appeal with Mr Justice Warby, said Cook had put the public, his passenger and himself in danger.

"He drove in a dangerous way for a long period, presenting a serious danger and terrifying his passenger," he said.

"The sentencing judge was entitled to take the view that this young man was a danger to the public through driving."

From salon to cafe

PLANS have been drawn up to launch a new cafe in Lye's High Street.

A planning application from applicant Donna Woodward-Smith has been submitted to Dudley Council planners to turn a hair salon into a cafe at 38 High Street.

The scheme will be discussed by planning bosses at a forthcoming meeting.

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100th crime sees burglar sent back behind bars

A 'career criminal' from Stourbridge is back behind bars after committing his 100th offence.

Ian Taylor and an unknown accomplice slipped into a house in Bradley Road, Stourbridge, while its occupants slept during the early hours of February 9 last year, possibly via an open kitchen window.

Wolverhampton Crown court was told the pair moved a CCTV camera with a line prop to evade being caught on camera but did not spot other cameras. The footage of them at the property led to the capture of the prolific thief, who stolen from the house £20 worth of alcohol, £10 cash and a purse containing credit cards.

Mr Duncan Craig, prosecuting, said that when police reviewed the CCTV footage an officer who had known Taylor for 20 years recognised the offender, even though the defendant's face was covered. The other burglar has not been traced.

Taylor had a total of 39 previous convictions involving 99 offences, including 15 burglaries.

The court heard that he had been dogged by a heroin habit for much of his life.

Mr Richard Davenport, representing the 39-year-old repeat offender, revealed that Taylor's partner was pregnant with their first child and said he had started treatment in an attempt to give up drugs.

Taylor, of Milton Close, Amblecote, admitted burglary and was jailed for 32 months.

MP backs Lucy's Law for puppies

AN MP has urged the Government to impose an immediate ban on the sale of puppies by pet shops and other third party commercial breeders.

Ian Austin has backed Lucy's Law, which seeks to tackle irresponsible dog breeding practices and ensure dogs are only available from licensed, regulated breeders or approved re-homing organisations.

The law will help to protect dogs and puppies by making breeders more accountable, and ensuring buyers are shown puppies interacting with their mothers before sale.

Mr Austin, MP for Dudley North, said: "Every year I hear terrible stories of dogs and puppies being treated cruelly and inhumanely for trade.

"I want the Government to crack down on the practices which leads to the unfair treatment of animals."

The Labour MP added: "I'll be backing Lucy's Law and I hope to see a ban on pet shops and commercial dealers irresponsibly selling puppies."

Make or break meeting on Hippodrome



Dudley Hippodrome – landmark

THE fate of Dudley Hippodrome could be decided in February when council bosses are due to decide if the campaign to save the former theatre has met their requirements.

Campaigners battling to bring the Castle Hill landmark back to the life under the name Black Country Hippodrome, after being given the keys in December 2016 on a five year lease, will have to convince senior Dudley councillors at a cabinet meeting that they have met a set of aims laid out at the start of the project.

Dudley Council leader Patrick Har-

ley said: "A decision will be made at that meeting. The future of the hippodrome project will be decided there. If they have satisfied the criteria then they can proceed with the project but, if not, then we will have to make decisions."

Black Country Hippodrome Ltd embarked on an ambitious scheme to bring the venue, which once featured such star names as Laurel and Hardy, back as a community resource and theatre. Gordon Downing, one of the directors of the group, believes they have met all but one of the aims. But they

have not been able to clear out the inside of the building because the Health and Safety Executive ruled they could not enter without the correct protection over asbestos fears.

Mr Downing said: "We got a ridiculous situation, where the Health and Safety Executive came to inspect the asbestos but said it was too dangerous to go in."

The previous council administration had planned to level the former bingo hall and make it a public space. More recently Dudley College has shown interest in the site.

Borough's secondary schools are progressing

DUDLEY'S secondary schools were second best in the Black Country and Staffordshire for pupil progress, official figures show.

The borough was 98th in the country out of 152 local authorities.

Progress 8 scores show how well a school is serving its pupils by looking at where these young people started and where they ended up.

In Dudley borough Old Swinford Hospital School in Stourbridge was the top performing school, with a sky high progress 8 measure of 0.77. The school also saw 80 per cent of 81 pupils who took GCSE exams achieve the benchmark grades, while its attainment 8 score – which measures results across pupils' best eight subjects – was also the borough's highest at an average of 62.5.

Other top performers included Windsor High School in Halesowen, The Earls High School in Dudley, Redhill School in Stourbridge and Dudley's Bishop Milner School.

Quit

Dudley also featured one school that was considered 'underperforming' by Department for Education ratings. The Holly Hall Academy in Dudley had a progress 8 score of -0.58, with an average Attainment 8 score of 37.9. Less than a quarter of 140 pupils who took GCSE exams achieved grade 9-5 in both English and maths. The school was rocked at the start of this term when principal Rob Hatch quit.

The worst ranked school in Dudley was The Coseley School, which closed last summer. Its final results showed a progress 8 score of -0.73, with just 16 per cent of 80 pupils taking GCSE exams achieving grade 9-5 in both English and maths GCSEs.

Secondary schools in Sandwell continued to struggle. The authority was ranked 124th out of 152 on the progress 8 measure. But Shireland Collegiate Academy in Smethwick maintained its position at the top in Sandwell with a performance that moved the school into the country's top 12 per cent on the progress 8 measure. In best performing Wolverhampton the top school ranked by attainment 8 was Wolverhampton Girls' High School.

Duncan tribute will go to Munich



Rose Cook-Monk, a board member of the Duncan Edwards Foundation, signs the book of remembrance

PEOPLE from all over the country have signed a book of remembrance in honour of football legend Duncan Edwards.

The book – Dudley's Tribute To Duncan – is being taken to Munich, the scene of the air disaster that caused the England and Manchester United player's

death. It will be handed over as part of a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the disaster in Germany.

The accident on February 6, 1958, claimed the lives of seven other members of the famous Busby Babes team, along with club officials, fans, journalists and

air crew. Duncan died from his injuries aged just 21.

The book will be taken to by Rose Cook-Monk and Andy Monk, of the Duncan Edwards Foundation. They will visit two nurses who looked after Duncan and attend the opening of a memorial garden at the now disused airfield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Old ironworks to get £80k revamp

AN historic former ironworks will be become a healthcare training and heritage centre under plans given approval by Dudley Council.

Riverside House, beside the canal towpath in Stourbridge, will undergo a makeover that is set to cost more than £80,000 and the plans to convert the derelict building have been approved by Dudley Council.

It is said that the project, off Canal Street, is on a site of 'historical and national significance' and would be used as a heritage centre with a cafe, restaurant and craft shop selling local produce, in a wooded environment.

The Riverside Stourbridge Community Interest Company will also work alongside adults in health and social care to help them develop confidence and practical skills. The site is near the Bonded Warehouse in the town.

Nursery at former motor showroom

A FORMER car showroom in Dudley will be converted into a day nursery.

Planners have given the green light for the development of the site in King Street.

A single-storey conservatory extension will be constructed and an external play area created to the side of the building using part of an existing parking area. The play area will be secured by two-metre high fence.

Visitor parking for nine vehicles will be made available with access from Abberley Street. Staff parking will be on the upper car park, off King Street, with a further 10 spaces provided.

Lobbed brick hits roof of police car

YOBS just missed the windscreen of a police car by inches when they hurled a house brick from a bridge over a main road.

Police described the act, on January 23 near Dudley Port railway station, as 'disturbing'.

The brick hit the roof of the vehicle. West Midlands Police said officers were heading to help a vulnerable elderly woman at the time of the incident last Tuesday night.

Camera club show aims to be picture perfect

DUDLEY Camera Club's annual photographic exhibition is being staged in Dudley Archives and Local History Centre.

The photographic exhibition at the centre in Tipton Road runs until February 10.

It is open each day except Sunday and there is free admission.

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Flu vaccine for Australian strain

HEALTH experts have insisted it is not too late to get vaccinated against Aussie flu, amid a rise in UK cases.

Dr Helen Hibbs, from the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group, said the jab had proved effective against the strain of flu – and said people should take measures to protect themselves. Aussie flu has made headlines in recent weeks following reports of cases across the country.

Dr Hibbs said: “This particularly nasty strain of flu shows just how severe flu can be. The good news is that the flu vaccine is effective against the Australian flu and it is still not too late for people to get protected.”

University signs up for project

A MIDLANDS university has signed up to a Government initiative aimed at getting young people from poorer backgrounds into higher education.

Newman University in Birmingham is part of the National Collaborative Outreach Project (NCOP), which is tasked with increasing numbers at university from disadvantaged families.

The university has a dedicated NCOP team who work with schools and colleges in the area.

Former Newman student Lewis Hickman, from Bartley Green, returned to the university to work on the project.

Mecca marking Macarena's 25th

BINGO lovers are being called on to pull their best 90s dance moves.

Bilston's Mecca is looking for people to flaunt their moves to throwback hit Macarena for the chance to grab a £1,000 holiday. It comes as the bingo hall, based at Spring Vale Retail Park, celebrates 25 years of Los Del Rio's one-hit wonder.

Dance videos need to be uploaded to the Bilston branch's Facebook on Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 01902 405065.

Medical use for historic building is approved

PLANS have been approved to turn a Grade II-listed building in Stourbridge into a neurological medical centre.

Four rooms are being converted for medical usage, previously offices, at the 18th-century Sandford House in Lower High Street. A consultation was launched with neighbouring properties and no objections received. Dudley Council granted the application on January 16.

After latest cases, grieving father says 'enough is enough'



Campaign – MP Eddie Hughes



Victim – John Hickinbottom



Banned driver Craig Edwards



Cyclist death – Kade Scrivens



Rebecca McManus was killed

Killer drivers 'must face tougher action'

'WE have to go back to the drawing board' – the father of a student killed by a speeding motorist has called for tougher sentences.

Gez McManus's 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was waiting at a bus stop when Sukvinder Mannan, who was driving at 101mph, hit and killed her.

The fatal crash in Hagley Road West in Bearwood resulted in 34-year-old Mannan, from Halesowen, being jailed for eight years after admitting causing death by dangerous driving.

The sentence four years ago has been followed by several other death by dangerous driving convictions – none of which have resulted in the maximum 14-year sentence.

Last week Craig Edwards and Kade Scrivens were jailed for less than eight years each for killing behind the wheel.

Roundabout

Edwards was driving at a speed almost twice the 30 mph limit when he hit grandfather John Hickinbottom in Walsall last June. He was also over the drink drive limit. The 29-year-old, of Cumberland Road, Walsall, received a seven-year jail sentence after admitting causing death by dangerous driving, failing to stop at the scene and drink driving.

Meanwhile Mr Hickinbottom's family who were in court to watch the proceedings, must attempt to move on without the 74-year-old, of Lilac Grove, Bentley. Granddaughter Jade told the court: “It felt like my world was falling apart without him.”

And on the same day of the sentencing, Scrivens, 24, of Booth Street, Handsworth, was given a seven-and-a-half year sentence for killing 59-year-old Nicholas Harrison. He was cycling



Gez McManus lost his daughter when she was hit by a speeding driver

on Midland Road in Darlaston when Scrivens lost control at a roundabout while speeding and hit him on the opposite side of the road on November 22.

Scrivens, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving, then fled the scene to sober up, according to Judge Simon Ward.

In a victim impact statement read out in court, Mr Harrison's brother, Christopher, 70, said his death 'has affected me greatly'. The two cases have triggered a campaign by the Express & Star for tougher sentences on killer drivers. It has been supported Mr McManus, 54, of Balsall Common.

He is campaigning for killer drivers to be banned from the roads for life.

He also says judges should be stricter with their sentences and people

need to be educated on the dangers of driving dangerously. The Ministry of Justice is proposing for the maximum sentence for causing death by dangerous driving to go up from 14 years' prison to life. But the plan has yet to go before Parliament.

Mr McManus said: “Mr Mannan will get his freedom shortly and be in his early 30s, he will still have a long life ahead of him. He should not be allowed to go behind the wheel again.

“The problem we have is by the time the case gets to the court it is too late, someone has died. People who view it as socially acceptable need to realise it is socially unacceptable.”

Mr McManus is starting a charity called Collision and Reducing Death on our Roads. He aims to reach out to young drivers, encouraging them

to drive safely. Eddie Hughes, Walsall North MP, says he will raise the issue in Parliament. He said: “People need to realise that when they are driving their car and are texting, speeding, drinking, that the vehicle has the potential to be a lethal weapon. Tougher sentences need to be put out to show that.”

Other sentences given out over the past two years for death by dangerous driving include uninsured driver Jake Nelson, who was given a suspended detention sentence after hitting 39-year-old Neil Perry as he crossed the road in West Bromwich last year.

Nelson, 19, of Hales Road in Wednesbury, was driving 57mph in a 30mph zone.

Undercutting

Joseph Chance, 25, of Murcroft Road, Stourbridge, and Dylan Stringer, 24, Wychbury Road, Stourbridge, were jailed for eight and six years respectively after killing young mother Nadine Foster while racing at speeds of almost 80mph.

Former Dudley College student Miss Foster, 18, was a front seat passenger in a Ford Focus, driven by boyfriend Stringer, when it hit a wall in Hagley Road, Stourbridge. She died in hospital four days after last April's tragedy, leaving behind her then five-month-old son.

Hospital porter Joshua Harvey was jailed for two years after admitting causing the death of Sean Williams in Wolverhampton by careless driving.

The 23-year-old, of Griffiths Drive, Ashmore Park, was undercutting another car when the car he was driving at 48mph in a 30 zone in Lakefield Road, Wednesfield, hit the boy on December 29, just over a year ago.

Figures from the Department of Transport show 54 people died on the roads in the West Midlands in the 12 months up to October 27.

Campaign launched for longer sentences



The anti-speeding campaign logo

TWO killer drivers who callously left their victims for dead have each been jailed for under eight years, prompting a campaign calling for action.

Banned driver Craig Edwards was locked up for seven years for killing grandfather John Hickinbottom. He lost control of his vehicle and mounted the pavement, knocking down the 74-year-old.

Speeding motorist Kade Scrivens was sentenced to seven and a half years for hitting cyclist Nicholas Harrison. Scrivens was speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Both sentences have been criticised by road safety campaigner Gez McManus and Walsall North MP Eddie Hughes, who is to raise the matter in Parliament. In the meantime the Chronicle's sister newspaper – the Express & Star – has set up a petition

Mr McManus, whose 21-year-old daughter Rebecca was killed by a speeding driver in Bearwood four years ago, said: “Enough is enough.

“Something needs to change to stop people getting behind the wheel and driving so dangerously, causing misery to the families of the innocent people killed. If the sentences are not long enough, people will fail to take notice. We have to go back to the drawing board.” The two cases were heard before Wolverhampton Crown Court this week.

Meanwhile, launching the campaign, Express & Star editor, Keith Harrison said: “The crime of dangerous driving should be urgently addressed by our lawmakers.

“While the death toll grows, time and time again we see people who are found guilty of this offence handed sentences that are pathetic.

“Government legislation designed to tackle dangerous driving is slowly moving forward, although it is likely to be a while before anything meaningful enters the statute books.

“We need action now. Today the Express & Star and Chronicle are calling on people to sign our petition.

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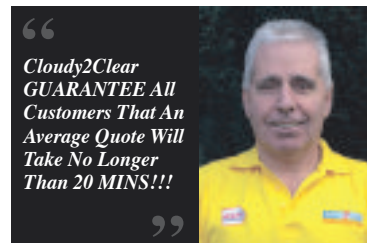
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Crackdown on nuisance bikers who ruin reserves

DUDLEY South MP Mike Wood has launched a campaign to crack down on motorbikes and quad bikes being ridden on nature reserves.

The Conservative MP says that green spaces are being terrorised by the riders. He is calling on Dudley Council to issue a Public Space Protection Order to safeguard Pens Pool and Barrow Hill reserves in Pensnett. Mr Wood said: "Several local residents have told me that the bikes are causing a danger in and around the reserves, a nuisance to people living nearby and damage to the nature reserves themselves."

"I am pleased that the police have recognised the problem and have started to take action, but this widespread problem highlights the need for both the council and the police to make sure they are doing everything possible to put an end to this criminal activity. People need proper action to be taken to protect not only the nature reserves themselves but also the safety of all those using them."

The order gives councils broad powers to tackle anti-social activities in a specified area.

Brierley Hill Police say they have confiscated two off-road motorbikes locally in the past fortnight.

Mr Wood has also written to police chiefs to raise concerns and has called on them to step up action against the illegal bikes.

Three accused to face murder trial

THREE men charged with the murder of 24-year-old Jaskaran Kang are not expected to enter their plea for two months, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The victim was found fatally stabbed at a flat above a convenience store in Stourbridge Road, Dudley, during the early hours of January 6.

Reggie Salmon, aged 20 from Stourbridge Road, Dudley, and a 17-year-old youth from Newcastle-under-Lyme, who cannot be identified, have been remanded in custody.

Dontay Ellis, 18, from Central Drive, Lower Gornal was remanded by Judge John Wait at the same court. All three are next due to appear on March 16. A trial has been fixed to start on July 16.

Road to be closed

A ROAD in Stourbridge will be closed to traffic until April 21 to allow for a rail bridge to be repaired. Network Rail say work in Parkfield Road is for 'the replacement of bridge deck carrying Parkfield Road over rail line'.

Lottery funds repairs at listed church



Landmark - St John's at Brockmoor

A LANDMARK church has received a grant of more than £175,000 for a vital revamp of the building.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has given a grant of £176,100 to Grade II listed St John's Church in Brockmoor, Brierley Hill, for much-needed repairs and improvements, after the church was placed on the English Heritage Places of Worship Heritage at Risk register.

Work can now go ahead to repair the roof, brickwork and stonework of the church, also to upgrade facilities including the kitchen and access.

Vicar of St John's Rev Simon Archer said: "Everyone here is delighted with the wonderful news that the Heritage Lottery Fund is supporting this essential work. Thanks to National Lottery players we can now restore the parts of the building that have caused problems with damp."

"We will be able to preserve this building for future generations and enable more people to learn more about its history in the community and its distinctive architecture."

Church bosses said the repair and conservation project will 'enable

high-level repairs and waterproofing needed to the roof and brickwork, particularly to the east end'.

St John's is described as 'a focal point for the community' and is used by groups including the Little Badgers toddler group, Messy Church and youth club, as well as hosting concerts and other social events.

Vanessa Harbar, head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: "We have been delighted to support St John's to carry out urgent repairs and engage new audiences with this much-loved local landmark."

Primark to expand into former BHS at Merry Hill

THE owners of Merry Hill shopping centre have revealed major expansion plans for Primark that will finally see the centre's empty former BHS unit come back into use.

The budget fashion chain is expanding to take on the whole of the lower floor of the BHS store opposite, which has been unoccupied since the collapse of the department store chain 17 months ago.

It will expand Primark's footprint at Merry Hill by around 70 per cent, making it the latest in a series of major flagship stores at the shopping centre.

Nick Round, regional director at Merry Hill owners intu, said: "The bigger store will enable Primark to have its entire range on show, which is clearly important for a chain that is focused on its shops rather than the internet."

He said the expanded store, which will offer around 60,000 sq ft of shopping space, would be focused on the customer experience, making a visit to Primark a more enjoyable experience.

The deal follows talks between intu and Primark that have been going on since the property group bought the Merry Hill centre back in 2014.

Confidence

Mr Round said the expansion plan was a 'vote of confidence' in the future of the Black Country's biggest shopping centre.

It comes as intu moves ahead with a £100 million investment and expansion plan, including a new cinema, restaurants and expanded shops for major retailers chains, including the conversion of the former Sainsbury's supermarket into a major flagship outlet for fashion chain Next.

As well as the Next outlet - which will be one of its biggest stores in the country when it opens later this year - River Island, Topshop and Topman, and JD Sports have also doubled their space at Merry Hill.

Mr Round said: "An increasing number of retailers are investing in new space at intu Merry Hill, reflecting the genuine confidence in the destination."

War veteran saw way to stay active



Bernard Colechin with tutor Jim Ault and his daughter Janette Colechin at his woodwork class

HE may have just turned 100 but Bernard Colechin is carving out a new path as a keen woodworker.

A former lieutenant commander during the Second World War now Mr Colechin, from Kinver, loves nothing better than a spot of whittling at his woodwork class. He was delighted to receive

a cake on his 100th decorated with woodworking tools along with his card from the Queen.

Mr Colechin helped keep the vital part of Dover clear of mines during the war, after joining the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserves. He later cleared Hong Kong harbour of mines.

After the war he worked as a manager at Unilever, which brought him to the Midlands in the 1950s. Now Mr Colechin is perfecting his skills in a woodwork class at Leasowes High School in Halesowen. He attends every week with his daughter and has been going for 14 years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Number claiming benefits goes up

THE number of people claiming unemployment benefits in the Dudley borough rose by 145 last month to 6,325 - 3.3 per cent of the working population.

For the Wyre Forest district, including Kidderminster, claimant numbers grew by 80 to 870 (1.5 per cent) with South Staffordshire rising by five to 815 (1.2 per cent).

The latest Office for National Statistics figures for the three months to November showed unemployment in the West Midlands rose by 6,000 to 155,000 from June to August. Nationally unemployment was down 160,000 on the year to 1.44 million.

Donations call as museum to expand

AN appeal for donations towards a major expansion has been launched by The Black Country Living Museum.

A new 1940s-60s town is to be created at the Tipton Road attraction as part of a £21.7 million project.

Museum bosses hope to raise £150,000 through public donations and are also appealing for memories, photographs and objects of post-war Black Country to help keep the development as realistic as possible.

For more details, see bcm.co.uk/forging-ahead.htm

Council takes on new care director

DUDLEY Council has appointed its next strategic director for people.

Martin Samuels, the current director for adults and wellbeing at Herefordshire Council, joins in April.

As strategic director for people he will be key to delivering effective high quality services on a wide range of initiatives to support children, adults and communities.

He will oversee the transformation of children's and adults' services and work to develop even closer ties with partner organisations and community groups across the borough.

Date set for food and wine festival

A DATE has been announced for the food and wine festival at Halfpenny Green Wine Estate at Bobbington.

The third annual event at the vineyard estate in Tom Lane will be held on June 9 from 10am to 4pm in the garden area and shop.

Cheeses, chocolates, beers, gins and preserves as well as also ice-cream stalls will feature at the free admission event and there will be live entertainment.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Rich list? That could refer to me – and you

A STUDY by Oxfam, which claims that the richest one per cent of the world owns 82 per cent of the world's resources, has sparked a predictable outcry on social media.

"The greedy rich should pay more tax to help the poor and downtrodden" seems to be the upshot of it, and certainly when confronted with such stark figures it seems hard to disagree.

I do wonder, though, whether the professional malcontents busy working themselves into such a fury have actually paused to think about just who the richest one per cent of the population are.

No doubt images of Sir Philip Green, polishing his medallion while soaking up the sun on his private yacht, spring to mind. Or perhaps Sir Richard Branson on his private island, and a grouchy Lord Sugar barking orders at his underlings from his raised chair in the boardroom.

And of course, no list of wealthy pantomime villains would be complete without special mention of Rupert Murdoch, who seems to be to blame for most things these days.

And yes, all of these fall into the richest one per cent, but they are not alone. According to the Global Rich List, which defines such things, anybody earning more than £22,706 a year is in the richest one per cent. I wonder how many of the people angrily pointing the finger at the "greedy rich" realise that they too are members of that exclusive club?

More to the point, how many of these members of the richest one per cent, particularly those who work in the public sector, have been on protest marches demanding an end to "austerity", and an inflation-busting pay rise?

If the Oxfam report tells us anything, it is that most people in this country are pretty well-off, and maybe a little less moaning wouldn't go amiss when there are so many people in the world who really do have something to complain about.

By the way, the chief executive of Oxfam earned £127,753 last year.

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INTERESTINGLY, the Oxfam report also coincides with a new report by the Rowntree Foundation which says more than half of children in London and Birmingham are living in poverty.

The study defines poverty as having an income, after housing costs, of less than £248 a week, which is a little confusing.

Given the stratospheric cost of housing at the moment, particularly in London, how many of these supposedly impoverished households are also in the richest one per cent of the world?

Clapping at end of Churchill film – and why not?



Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill in the film *Darkest Hour*



Lord Jim O'Neill now believes booming global trade will "dwarf" Brexit ill effects



Prince William 'laughed off' suggestions he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look

Patriotic nation is entitled to applaud

A READER contacts me with yet another report of a cinema audience applauding at the end of *Darkest Hour* starring Gary Oldman as Winston Churchill. I'm not surprised. These are self-selecting audiences with a pro-Churchill bias and, having heard of the reactions elsewhere, they are primed to clap.

BUT there's surely more to it than that. Britain is just about the only European country proud of its part in the 20th century. And despite half-a-century of post-imperial breast-beating and institutionalised shame, we are, in the main, a patriotic and sentimental nation. We saved the world. We are entitled to clap a little.

JUST as global warming may be cooled by a coming mini-ice age, so Brexit may be mollified by a general improvement in world trade. So says the former treasury minister and Remainer Lord Jim O'Neill. He now believes that booming global trade will "dwarf" any ill effects caused by leaving the EU. In other words, after all the froth and fury, we may hardly notice any difference. The millennium bug revisited.

PRINCE William has 'laughed off' suggestions that he paid £180 for his new shaven-headed look. This is only a theory but I'd be surprised if he paid anything. His wife's hair stylist apparently went to Kensington Palace to give HRH the razor-cut treatment. The stylist is probably well-pleased with all the publicity and would not dream of sending a bill.

IN case William is remotely interested, in real life, for a Number 3 cut which is not quite so brutal as his, I pay £5 (admittedly with the Nearer My God To Thee discount).

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



SOCIAL media ought to come with a warning: "Signing up to this will ruin your entire life." Latest victim is Amina Khan, L'Oreal's hijab-wearing model who has resigned after somebody uncovered anti-Israel tweets she posted three years ago. How long will it be before nobody on social media will be able to do anything in the public eye because of their hasty opinions of yore?

A FORMER SAS soldier who took part in the 1980 Iranian Embassy siege is homeless and unable to get a council house. In contrast, one of the embassy terrorists, released from jail after 28 years, is said to be living rent-free in London. Surprised? Me neither. It is 100 years since the prime minister Lloyd George promised "homes fit for heroes." It was a lie then and it's a lie now.

THE Church of England is a broad church with half a millennium's worth of prayers and liturgy to cover every aspect of human life. This probably explains why its House of Bishops has decided there's no need to create a new form of service to welcome transgender worshippers; the baptismal service can be adapted. But I bet the bishops considered not only the theology but the maths. According to official statistics, no more than six out of every 1,000 Brits are transgender. No more than 20 in every 1,000 Brits are regular churchgoers. So the number of transgender people wanting a new form of service is vanishingly small, especially when you divide it among England's 10,449

church parishes. And yet who would put money on the bishops' decision being the end of it? The campaigning group OneBodyOneFaith has already accused the bishops of "kicking trans people into the long grass" and the lesson of the Church's recent history is that once it is accused of kicking anybody, the only option is a meek apology and surrender.

OUR changing language. According to police, a gang of violent burglars in the Black Country "scope areas for homes that could be potential targets." Scope? The trouble with this word is not that it means nothing but that it can mean several things. You can scope a property using binoculars but you can also scope it through online research. Joe Public, on being warned of "scoping," may start keeping an eye peeled for dodgy-looking blokes with field glasses when he should be removing images of his possessions from Facebook.

MIND you, if I were in charge, burglary would vanish overnight. This is because I'd have serial burglars taken into a field and shot. Why? Because they are the lowest of the low. They are worse than most murderers (who usually kill in a moment of passion) and worse than many paedophiles (who clearly have mental problems). What is more, there is hard evidence that serial burglars kill people. Home Office figures show that old people who have been burgled are much more likely to die sooner than others of similar age. At best, being burgled causes long-lasting trauma. At worst, it shortens your life. Yet police forces everywhere increasingly treat it as a minor crime and when I suggest executing serial burglars, people think I'm joking. Absolutely not.

TALKING POINT



Cashing in on the sick with fines for parking

PARKING fines and charges have been in the news lately. Recently, The Chronicle revealed that hospital trusts were making thousands from charging staff and visitors to park, with Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, for example, raking in £1.1m.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust made £2.4m and Dudley Group NHS Trust profited to the tune of £471,000, although most of that revenue was taken by a private finance initiative firm.

Add the £2.3m made by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust and you can see why the chief executive of the Patients' Association Rachel Power claims the charges equate to being penalised for being ill.

Spare a thought in particular for the heroic, overworked and under-paid employees within our crumbling NHS, who deserve a bigger wage packet, yet find most of their already hard-earned cash spent on the privilege of going to work and potentially saving someone else's life.

Away from hospitals, it was reported that, to Walsall Council alone, more than £1,000 a day was being paid every day in parking penalties.

One Liberal Democrat campaigner said drivers were being treated as cash cows. And, after an experience that happened to myself, I can only concur.

You see, I was given a penalty charge notice half an hour before my time in a car park had elapsed.

How can this be? It appears that our 'crime' was to top-up the two hours we had already paid for, thus spending more than the allocated time in said car park. I have paid the fine – £25, but doubling to a barely affordable £50 if not settled within 14 days. But I have also exercised our right to appeal.

It does beg the question of how many other unsuspecting motorists – simply in the wrong place at the wrong time – have been caught this way. On only our second visit to the town in question, we were oblivious to the regulations and not aware of any advisory signs, so hopefully common sense will prevail.

However, it is galling that there are people out there who knowingly disregard the law and even ignore any punishment that comes their way.

Campaigners claim payments are just another way of making money from hard-working people, while authorities argue that income generated from parking fines is ploughed back into our highways and making them safer.

Judging by the number of potholes still on our roads – even after The Chronicle's extensive campaign – one could argue otherwise.

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Hospital parking fees are excessive

AFTER having my wife in hospital for a week, I feel, it is time I joined our local MP Ian Austin in his protest about the car parking fees at Russells Hall Hospital and all the regions' hospitals.

My wife was admitted on Tuesday last and I have visited her every day since, so at £5.60 a time that adds up to £39.20 per week. If I could afford to visit twice a day, that would be a grand total of £78.40 or £319.60 per month and that is roughly half my pension gone.

We have no choice in paying this as wait-

ing time in A&E can be as long as two and a half hours and on Wednesday myself and my wife sat from 1pm to 7pm, just waiting for a box of tablets from the pharmacy.

I am certain that a good many of your readers will feel the same way as I do. I would not mind if the £5.60 ticket lasted from midnight to midnight and allowed you to come and go in between, or would that be asking too much? I hope all readers will back Ian Austin and myself in this protest.

TONY DAVIES

Dudley

Bus service is 'appalling'

SOMETHING has to be done about the appalling no9 service from Stourbridge to Birmingham.

It boasts a seven minute service but you can be left waiting for 30 mins then three or four come in together and then turn round and go out together leaving people standing.

I appreciate that there can be traffic hold ups en route but the problem is made worse by the display times on the so-called 'real time' board which shows a bus is due in so many minutes, then there's no bus!

This happens time and time again. Better to say there won't be a bus for 30 mins, then you know where you are.

Better still couldn't the bus company operate a more local bus, say from Stourbridge to Halesowen or Quinton.

PAT HUGHES
Lye

Thanks to all who helped

I would like to thank everyone who came to my wife's aid when she had a blackout in Brettell Lane, Ambecote on January 15. The staff at the Lidl store were excellent, as were the two ladies in the ambulance who came to the 999 call from the Lidl lady. Russells Hall's A&E staff were excellent. To everyone involved, God bless you all. You will always be our A-Teams.

PATRICK AND
DORIS HADEN
Wordsley

M L RHODES
Stourbridge

Trying to find friend from '50s

CHARLES Higgs was a Warrant Officer in the wartime RAF. He became a Wireless Operator/Rear Gunner in Bomber Command. Flying after over 50 sorties he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Many failed to survive that many operations.

I first met Charlie in the early 1950s while working for his father's photographic business in Kidderminster. I lost touch with him but in the early 1960s I met him on a bus travelling from Halesowen to Kidderminster. We only had a short time to go over old times as he left the bus at Hagley. I know his wife Mary came from the Stourbridge.

Charlie was an 'Old Boy' of my school in Kidderminster and I would like to write about him for our annual magazine. If you can help please telephone me on 01562 745429 or e mail to carollian-@tiscali.co.uk

BRIAN GITTINS
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Prince Harry is credit to country, unlike Blair

WHAT a great bloke Harry is helping our war heroes to get their lives back together, and what a difference to the man that caused their problems.

Tony Blair sent our troops into Iraq to please George Bush, costing billions of pounds and hundreds of lives just to get a pat on the back from his

American master. He is still costing this country millions of pounds for his protection, and he is still poking his nose where it's not wanted (in Brexit negotiations).

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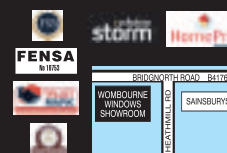
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Top comic heads into the sunset after gig



Dudley-bound comedian Stewart Francis is giving up stand-up comedy to become a cartoonist

CANADIAN funnyman Stewart Francis is to bring his last ever show to the Black Country.

The popular one-liner comedian, who has appeared on TV shows Mock The Week and Live At The Apollo is coming to Dudley Town Hall on October 13.

Tickets for his show, called Stewart Francis: Into the Sunset, are on sale now.

Alex Jackson, booker for Dudley Borough Halls, said: "We're very excited to welcome the wonderful Canadian comedian Stewart Francis to Dudley Town Hall in October with his brand new show. Stewart is a one-liner expert; a real master of his craft. This will also be his last ever tour, so it's most definitely not to be missed."

The comic has said that he wants to become a full-time cartoonist. Tickets cost £18.50 plus booking fees and are available online at www.boroughhalls.co.uk or by calling the box office on (01384) 812812.

Firm warns that jobs put at risk by camp

A CONTROVERSIAL bid to build a travellers' transit camp in Coseley could force a company to move out – with the loss of 30 jobs, warn bosses.

Dudley Council has favoured building a site in Budden Road as part of measures to reduce illegal camps in the borough.

But Commercial Body Fittings Ltd, based nearby, said it may have to move if plans were approved because of a possible increase in insurance rates and security concerns.

A spokesman for the firm said: "This could result in about 30 people losing their jobs, who are based here at the moment."

"The proposed transit site could cause our insurance premiums to rise. But it wouldn't just be down to that, we have got to think about security issues as well."

The firm, which makes and distributes car parts, currently has plans to double the size of its Coseley base from 55,000 sq ft to 110,000, leading to 40 new jobs.

By Jamie Brassington

But this could also be thrown into doubt because of concern over the proposed transit site.

These concerns were aired during a public meeting in Coseley on January 23. Up to 130 people attended the meeting to make their views known to Dudley Council leader Councillor Patrick Harley and council strategic director Alan Lunt.

Coseley East ward's Councillor Susan Ridney said people in Coseley feared the transit site was 'a done deal', although the public consultation was running until yesterday (Wednesday).

She said council documents show the land is contaminated by industry.

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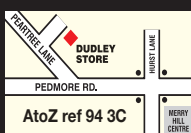
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Hugh's joy at early Sportive sign-ups

BLACK Country cycling legend Hugh Porter has urged people to sign up to this year's Banks's Round the Wrekin Sportive.

Early entries for the event have already topped last year's total at the same stage.

But Hugh has urged more people to sign up for the event – in order to reach 1,000 riders taking part.

The sportive starts at Dudley Kingswinford rugby club and heads out into the Shropshire

Hills taking in the Long Mynd, Stiperstones and The Wrekin. Last year's event raised £28,000 for Compton Hospice.

Hugh said: "We got 740 doing it last year. I have a big ambition to reach the magic 1,000. At the end of January last year we had 98 entered, this year we've already got 156."

The event on May 20 has a choice of three distances. See www.roundthewrekin.co.uk for further details.



Lisa Bockhoefer of Compton Hospice, Hugh Porter and Marston's MD Richard Westwood celebrate the money raised by the cycling event

Record passenger numbers at airport despite Monarch loss

BIRMINGHAM Airport has unveiled its best set of passenger figures, as nearly 13 million people passed through the terminals of the Midlands gateway in 2017. But it will struggle to match that in 2018, due to the collapse of Monarch and loss of its 1.8 million passengers a year.

In total, 12,983,436 passengers travelled through the airport over the course of the calendar year, in excess of 1.3m more people than in 2016. In the busiest month, August, when almost 1.5m passengers were recorded.

David Winstanley, chief operating officer, said: "Last year we celebrated the busiest 12

months in our history. During 2017, we saw the launch of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays and the return of British Airways and bmi regional. The year was indeed one of celebration but also commiseration as we sadly saw the demise of a long-established airline, Monarch. This airline carried an average of 5,000 passengers per day from Birmingham but we have seen some existing carriers and new carriers pick up almost all of this capacity."

The airport will regain transatlantic services in May when Primera Air launches flights to New York and Toronto, though they have shelved plans for a Boston route.

Expert fears Carillion is the 'tip of the iceberg'

PROBLEMS at Carillion are 'just the tip of the iceberg' according to an insolvency expert.

They are warning the group's 30,000 subcontractors should expect 'minimal to no returns'. The Wolverhampton-based construction and services giant is thought to owe around £1 billion to thousands of 'subbies' and suppliers after its collapse.

Julie Palmer, partner at Begbies Traynor, a leading independent insolvency firm, said: "When a major contractor like Carillion falls over, the domino effect is huge. I fear that the issues we've heard about so far may only be the tip of the iceberg."

"Around 30,000 subcontractors are currently bearing the brunt of Carillion's collapse, many of which haven't been paid by the group for 120 days. Secured creditors will be paid first."

"Unfortunately, most subcontractors will find themselves right at the bottom of the pile, meaning the vast majority are likely to see little or no return."

Construction and services group Kier has taken on around 200 Carillion employees as it picks up that company's share of work on HS2 and smart motorway projects.

Jobs

A new Government-run company is being set up to take over Carillion's prison contracts, saving around a thousand jobs.

Some 300 smaller rail suppliers hit by the company's collapse are to be paid arrears they are owed following an agreement between the Official Receiver's special manager PwC and Network Rail for the period from Christmas to January 15. All certified work after January 15 will see suppliers to rail projects paid until further notice and Carillion rail employees paid until at least mid-April.

Carillion has been accused of trying to 'wiggle out' of its obligations to pensioners while paying out tens of millions in dividends for shareholders and 'handsome pay packets' for bosses.

The Commons Work and Pensions Committee criticised the collapsed outsourcing giant after publishing a letter from Robin Ellison, chairman of trustees of Carillion's pension scheme, which gives an account of the firm's pension scheme.



Frank Field – pensions

Carillion's liquidation left in its wake a £900 million debt pile, a £590 million pension deficit reported by the firm, and hundreds of millions of pounds in unfinished public contracts.

Mr Ellison's letter suggests the pension deficit could be even higher at £990 million, the committee said.

Carillion has been 'falling short' of what trustees expected it to contribute to pension schemes since 2008, the MPs said. The company cited cash flow problems as a reason for not making higher pensions contributions in 2011 and 2013, but paid more than £70 million in dividends in both those years.

In a damning assessment, committee chair Frank Field said: "It's clear that Carillion has been trying to wriggle out of its obligations to its pensioners for the last 10 years."

"The purported cash flow problems did of course not prevent them shelling out dividends and handsome pay packets for those at the top. This culminated in negotiating deficit contributions away entirely last autumn to enable more borrowing. Remarkably, this was endorsed by the trustees and the Pensions Regulator."

Meanwhile, the accountancy watchdog is to open an investigation into KPMG over its audits at Carillion. The Financial Reporting Council said it will open an investigation under the Audit Enforcement Procedure.

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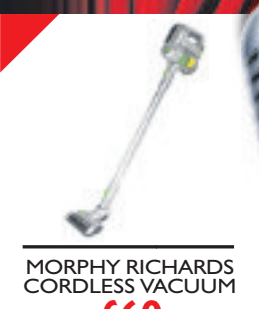
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Eyesore block set to be blown up this summer

THE BIGGEST eyesore in the Black Country will be reduced to rubble this summer.

The seven-storey Cavendish House, which looms over the busy Duncan Edwards Way bypass in Dudley, is poised to be blown up in May or June.

The rundown 85,880 sq ft office block, once home to the Inland Revenue, is standing in the way of ambitious plans to revamp Dudley's outdated bus station. It must be demolished before work can begin on £50 million plans to redevelop the site, which is also planned to link to the Midland Metro.

Dudley's Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for transformation and performance, said work cannot start on the bus station until the building, which was abandoned in the 1990s, is flattened.

A planning application to demolish Cavendish House has been expected from owners Avenbury 'imminently' since October, but the size of the project has caused set-backs.

Homes

Dudley Council leader Patrick Harley says the application alone is expected to cost more than £100,000 - before funding for the actual demolition is taken into account.

A supermarket, restaurant, shops and new homes are envisaged to replace Cavendish House in a multi-million pound development known as Porter's Field, expected to bring 500 jobs to Dudley.

Councillor Harley said: "I would expect the application to be submitted towards the end of February. The developer, Jeremy Knight-Adams, has started taking on consultants. There



Time to go - Cavendish House in Dudley could be flattened this summer will have to be a light demolition before we can blow up the building. I expect the full demolition to take place in May or June. Once that happens, then we can get on with the rest of Dudley and everything will fit into place."

Councillor Harley said funding for the demolition will come from the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The demolition will also allow work

to progress on the Midland Metro link to Dudley town centre. Trams will run along the old railway Line between Wednesbury and Brierley Hill, passing through Dudley bus station. The scheme for the station has received £400,000 funding through the LEP.

The proposed Porter's Field project covers an area between Trindle Road and King Street and between Flood Street and Oakeywell Street.

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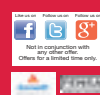
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Wards commit more mixed-sex breaches

Farewell to devoted Baggie



Richard Eades was a hugely popular figure with Albion staff and fans. ALBION players past and present joined friends and family in saying farewell to a much-loved referee and mascot at his funeral.

Former striker Lee Hughes and current players Jonny Evans, Chris Brunt and James Morrison attended the service for Richard Eades at St Bartholomew's Church in Wednesbury.

Albion shirts and scarves were numerous among the crowd paying their respects to the popular father-of-two. The church was full

and some mourners had to stand outside. The 42-year-old died suddenly last month. He had spent nearly 30 years involved with Albion in a variety of roles - from ground staff, to coaching and in recent years as mascots, including Baggie Bird, Baggie Junior, and from 2007, Albi.

He also played and coached and was manager of Boing FC - Albion's official supporters' football team - and served as a highly-respected Birmingham County FA referee.

HOSPITALS in the Black Country breached mixed-sex accommodation rules on 133 occasions in three months - up a third from the same period the year before.

The figures for the last three months of last year are up from 80 over the same period in 2016.

Commonly, the rules are breached by members of the opposite sex sleeping in shared ward accommodation.

However, two hospital trusts say the breaches were caused by patients overstaying in shared-sex intensive care and high dependency units, where a four-hour target applies to move patients to wards once they become stable.

The figures released by the NHS claim to show the 'total occurrences of unjustified mixing in relation to sleeping accommodation'.

Demand

Sandwell General Hospital, managed by Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, was the worst offender with 95 breaches, although there were none in the month of December.

It was followed by Manor Hospital in Walsall, managed by Walsall Healthcare NHS Group, with 22 breaches and Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, managed by the Dudley Group NHS, which had 14 breaches.

Diane Wake, chief executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We did not report any mix sex breaches on a ward. The ten breaches in December occurred on our high dependency unit."

"Once a patient has been identified as sufficiently stable to be transferred to a ward, this must be done within four hours. The breaches in December occurred because of the high demand for inpatient beds which meant that these patients were not transferred within four hours."

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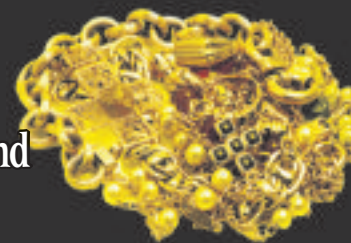
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THE December meeting, which would have been a Christmas dinner at The Lodge in Dudley, was cancelled due to inclement weather and rearranged for January 31.

The meeting on January 8 began with chairman Enid Fennell wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming one visitor. There were several apologies for absence.

As a result of illness, Margaret Whitmore, a former committee member, is unable to attend for the foreseeable future, and Sheila Watts has resigned from the committee for personal reasons.

Following the reading of the minutes, Kath Turner asked to address the meeting. She began by stating that she had never been to a Federation carol service until 2017, and had been very moved by the whole event. It was a truly heartfelt tribute and she remarked that she had not realised what she had been missing in previous years.

The expected speaker for the evening was ill, so at extremely short notice Ann Clark stepped to tell a sad story concerning a local tragedy, which as the story unfolded, proved the kindness of people and the strength of family ties.

She was thanked by Chris Groves. The envelopes for the year's subs will be distributed at the meeting on February 12. The speaker will be Rosemary Prosser on 'One Egg or Two?'

Speaker's walks in Wensleydale recalled

Dudley South Ladies Luncheon Club

AT the January meeting chairman Ann Rogers welcomed 36 members and wished them a happy and healthy 2018. She particularly thanked the 25 ladies who had braved the heavy snow on December 8 and MP Mike Wood and his assistant Alex Moore for coming to speak at the last minute.

Tribute was also paid to the staff at The Lodge for a job well done, not only throughout 2017, but dealing with the numerous telephone calls and so many cancellations.

Following an excellent three-course lunch speaker Derek Coates recalled his times "Walking in Wensleydale". He began at Leyburn, a lovely town with its market and interesting shops. He showed slides of woods covered in wild garlic, hay meadows, fields of wild flowers, dry stone walling, the Grade I listed Wensley Hall and the town of Askrigg - the setting TV's All Creatures Great & Small. Finally the 40 different Wensleydale cheeses made famous by Wallace & Gromit.



Speaker Derek Coates flanked by members Rose Cooper and Janet Darby

Year's programme to be announced

STOURBRIDGE Ladies Society Christmas celebrations included a meal at a Bridgnorth carvery and an afternoon tea party catered for by the committee.

The first meeting for this year on January 30 is the Annual General Meeting. The programme for the coming year will be announced. On February 27 members will be having a bring and buy sale and quiz, and on March 27 the first of the year's speakers will be John Butterworth talking about the

Stourbridge Ladies Society

Black Country Bugle. Outings commence at the beginning of April with lunch at the Eagle and Sun near Droitwich followed by a visit to a local garden centre.

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Caring UK will lead the global ban on ivory trade

WHEN it comes to banning the trade of ivory around the world, the UK cares.

A consultation saw more than 60,000 Brits respond and, according to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the vast majority are in favour of ending the ivory trade.

It comes at a crucial time for the debate, as Environment Secretary Michael Gove prepares to publish his department's consultation response.

Mr Gove has vowed that the UK will be 'front and centre' of global efforts to end the trade in ivory, which is linked to the deaths of 55 elephants a day. MPs in the Black Country – including John Spellar and Ian Austin – are among those to call for a total ban.

Antiques

Technically it has been illegal to trade ivory since 1990, but the UK law allows trade in 'antiques' carved before 1947, or items worked before 1990 that have Government certificates.

A pledge to ban the ivory trade was dropped from the Conservative Party manifesto last year, a decision which Labour's Dudley North MP Mr Austin wants to see addressed.

"Clearly something needs to be done to stop the killing of tens and thousands of elephants at the hands of poachers each year," he said. "It's wrong that the Tories dropped their pledge for a total ban in the UK so I'm backing the campaign by Action for Elephants to put it back on the agenda."

Saba Douglas-Hamilton, who runs the Save The Elephants charity, has warned that populations across Africa have shrunk by a third, driven by the high value of ivory, particularly in China.



Saba Douglas-Hamilton with elephants during a visit at West Midland Safari Park

Robber targeted autistic woman

A ROBBER who snatched a handbag from an autistic woman at Dudley bus station has been jailed after he was identified from CCTV.

Lee MacDivitt, 29, targeted the woman as she sat with friends waiting for a bus, grabbing her handbag with such force that the handle snapped off.

Witnesses were able to identify MacDivitt from CCTV images following the robbery.

MacDivitt, of no fixed address, was jailed for four years and eight months at Wolverhampton Crown Court after admitting the robbery in March.

Following the sentencing, Detective Constable Dave Laver, from West Midlands Police, said: "Thanks to people's help, we have been able to bring him to justice for carrying out an opportunist attack on a vulnerable young woman."



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VENUES are gearing up to go all American for the Superbowl.

Hickory's on Kidderminster Road in Wall Heath is holding a tailgate party on the night and says on its website 'we will be in full party mode until the early hours as we go NFL crazy for the greatest show on earth'. Tickets are on sale.

Meanwhile, The Green Duck Brewery in Stourbridge is rolling out the barrels for the big night of American Football next month.

The brewery will be hosting the event at its Rufford Road base on Sunday, February 4, with two giant screens put up for the night. The £10 admission includes a free pint and a food box at half-time from the American pit BBQ.

Banjo star's trio playing folk club

THE Dan Walsh Trio will be playing a concert near Kingswinford.

Led by banjo player and singer Dan, they have a home town concert in Stafford Gatehouse on May 8 and then visit the Woodman Folk Club in Ashwood on May 11. Dan was nominated for Musician Of The Year at the BBC Folk Awards. His trio features Ciaran Algar (fiddle) and Nic Zuppari (mandolin). See www.woodmanfolk.co.uk website.

FOCUS ON KINGSWINFORD & WALL HEATH

Church expansion approved despite residents' concerns

A CHURCH will be replaced with a larger building under expansion plans approved by Dudley council.

Councillors gave the green light to Wall Heath Evangelical Free Church for the revamp despite objections from neighbours, some of who said the new church would look like a 'factory unit'.

The plans will see the Enville Road church, dating back to 1952, enlarged and transformed from a one-storey to two, to cater for a growing congregation.

The application was recommended for refusal by a planning officer but the committee unanimously gave the plans the go-ahead.

Welcoming

The meeting heard there had been 15 objections made by local residents.

The church's Reverend Matthew Jones said: "It is never our intention to upset neighbours."

"Our proposed development will indeed have some impact on the community."

"We want to provide a warm, welcoming, contemporary space that is sustainable for generations of people in Wall Heath."

by Jamie Brassington

"We are completely self-funded and rely on members own charitable giving and some grants to provide for all our services."

The church has around 135 people in Sunday congregations with other community events attended during the week.

At 216-seat auditorium is planned with new facilities including toilets, a kitchen, store areas and a cafe.

Pamela Horwill, who lives next door to the church, said the new church would look 'at best residential accommodation and at worst a factory unit'.

"These plans will have a detrimental affect on homes on their quality of life," she said. There was also concern about extra traffic along Enville Road.



Wall Heath Evangelical Free Church has now been given the thumbs up for a controversial expansion of its building

In the zone come rain or shine

A SPECIAL school has launched a games area in a bid to get their pupils outdoors.

The Brier School in Kingswinford revealed their PlayZone after two years of planning and preparation.

It has already been used for quick cricket, five-a-side football, relay races, bike riding and sponsored walks.

Headteacher Russell Hinton said: "This space has made such a difference to the children, they can be outdoors and get fresh air all year round, regardless of the weather."

"It took more than two years planning because of the size and design and it was built by A&S Landscape who specialise in school canopies."

Bungalows get go-ahead

THREE two-bedroom bungalows will be built on empty land in Kingswinford. The properties earmarked for Cot Lane would each have a garage and two parking spaces and a 10 metre long rear garden.

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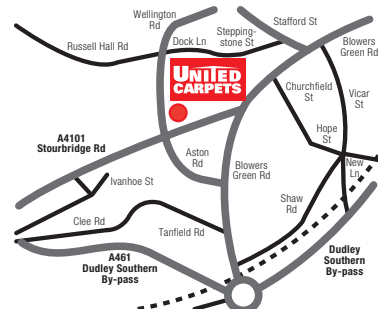
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Injunction puts brakes on car cruisers

Commercial feature

A GROUND-BREAKING injunction banning car cruising in the Black Country has been extended for a further three years.

The injunction bans people from taking part in a car cruise anywhere within Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, or from promoting, organising or publicising any such event in the four areas.

It has had a major impact since being introduced in 2015, leading to a significant reduction in car cruising in many parts of the Black Country, with the problem being eliminated entirely in some areas.

Some 17 people have also been convicted of breaching the injunction, either by participating in or organising a car cruise, and have received suspended prison sentences, been fined up to £1,000 and ordered to pay court costs.

Menace

However, there are still car cruising hotspots in the region with a number of fatalities linked to car cruising in recent years, and so the four Black Country boroughs, led by the City of Wolverhampton Council and West Midlands Police, were successful in seeking a continuation of the injunction until February 1, 2021 at the Birmingham District Registry of the High Court on January 9, 2018.

Councillor Paul Sweet, the City of Wolverhampton Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, said: "Car cruising is noisy, dangerous and illegal, causing damage to property and posing a risk of injury or worse to participants and the general public alike. It also takes up a lot of valuable time for our hard-pressed emergency services.

"Since its introduction in 2015, the injunction has helped to dramatically reduce the menace of car cruising across the Black Country, eliminating it altogether in certain areas.

"However, the problem has not been entirely



CCTV footage captured car cruising in a car park

eradicated; car cruises are still being held in our region, sometimes with fatal consequences."

Councillor Milkinder Jaspal, Cabinet Member for Governance, said: "The City of Wolverhampton Council's legal team was instrumental in securing this injunction, enabling the police and the four Black Country councils to continue to crack down on car cruising and to bring perpetrators to book.

"It should be stressed that we are not seeking to prevent legitimate car enthusiasts from enjoying their hobby. What we want to do is to continue to prevent the menace of car cruising, which for so long made life a misery for people across the Black Country."

PC Stuart Hemming, from West Midlands Police, said: "We will continue to work with councils in the Black Country to eradicate this anti-social and dangerous behaviour and make our boroughs safer places."

Incidents of car cruising should be reported to West Midlands Police on 101. In an emergency,

always dial 999. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/carcruisingban>

The Injunction

Under the terms of the injunction:

- 1) It is forbidden for anyone to participate in "car cruising" (as defined in the Schedule below) anywhere within the Claimants' combined geographical area known locally as the Black Country Area.
- 2) It is also forbidden for anyone to promote, organise, or publicise via e-mail, the internet or any publication or broadcast, any "car cruising" within the defined geographical area.
- 3) A power of arrest pursuant to section 27 Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 shall apply to clause 1 above.
- 4) The order and power of arrest shall continue in force for a further three years following the commencement of this order until it is varied or discharged by the court. This extension of the duration of the order



Ground-breaking – The car cruising ban has been extended in the Black Country

shall come into effect at midnight on February 2, 2018 (when the order as originally granted ceases to be in force) provided that the Claimants have completed certain steps. It shall, subject to further order, expire at midnight on February 1, 2021.

5) Personal service of this injunction is dispensed with pursuant to rule 81.8 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

Schedule

- 1) The injunction defines car cruising as two or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes) between the hours of 3pm and 7am being on a highway or in a publicly accessible place within the Black Country area at which any such vehicle or occupant of a vehicle performs any of the prohibited activities listed in clause 3 below which causes, or is capable of causing, any of the prohibited consequences set out in clause 4 below.
- 2) Participating in car cruising means being

the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes) in circumstances in which clause 1 (above) applies.

3) The prohibited activities referred to in clause 1 above are: speeding; driving in convoy; racing; performing stunts; sounding horns or playing music as to cause a nuisance; using foul or abusive language; using threatening, intimidating behaviour towards another person; and causing obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

4) The prohibited consequences referred to in clause 1 above are: excessive noise; danger or risk of injury to road users, including pedestrians; damage or significant risk of damage to property; risk of harm; nuisance; and annoyance.

The copy of the full injunction and map showing the Black Country area is available at <http://bit.ly/carcruisingban> and council and police offices.

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It's a super trouper of a sunny musical

It's the ultimate feel-good show. Mamma Mia has been described as being the world's sunniest and most exhilarating smash-hit musical. Written by Abba stars Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus the musical is set on a Greek island paradise.

It is a story of love, friendship and identity and is cleverly told through the timeless songs of Abba. The lead character is Sophie Sheridan, who is played by Lucy May Barker.

The action centres around her quest to discover the father she's never known. It follows her story as Sophie's mother comes face to face with three men from her distant romantic past on the eve of a wedding they'll never forget.

The show, which runs at the Wolverhampton Grand from February 6 to 24, is irresistibly funny and has been thrilling audiences all around the world. Now it is coming to Wolverhampton for the first time.

Lucy May is looking forward to that – and says she has a blast playing Sophie each evening.

"Being able to create my own version of it is amazing. I want to transport people away to our little Greek island world. That helps them forget what they've seen before.

"Sophie has been played by others but this is my interpretation. I have so much to do in the show because the story is so full. I just trust the fact that I was chosen for the part and I bring my own confidence to it. There's so much to do in this job."

UPBEAT

The show is truly upbeat. The title of the musical was taken from the group's 1975 chart-topper Mamma Mia. Benny and Bjorn, who composed the original music for Abba, were involved in the development of the show from the beginning while singer Anni-Frid Lyngstad became involved financially and has attended many of the premieres around the world.

The musical includes such hits as Super Trouper, Lay All Your Love on Me, Dancing Queen, Knowing Me, Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me, Thank You for the Music, Money, Money, Money, The Winner Takes It All, Voulez-Vous, SOS and the title track. It has been seen by more than 60 million people around the world and a film version made in 2008 was a huge hit. That starred Meryl Streep, Colin Firth, Pierce Brosnan, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski, Stellan Skarsgård and Julie Walters.

Lucy May says the show is so resolutely upbeat that it's impossible not to enjoy it. "I think it's hard for everyone not to have a great time. It's such a happy show and so if there's someone in the company who's down, it brings them straight up."

"People often come up with these amazing stories about how it makes them feel – the show is feel good.

Knowing me, knowing you –
Mamma Mia is hit-packed fun



It's so upbeat. It gives the audience the chance to escape for a couple of hours. It is an absolute dream come true to play the role. I absolutely love the show and getting to perform it to all the lovely audience around the UK is a feeling like no other.

"I grew up listening to Abba and we had the Abba Gold CD in my mum's car, so I knew almost all the words already when I auditioned which was very handy ha ha! I love going on for Lay All Your Love.

"I love singing that number and from then on I don't leave the stage for the rest of the act which is a total rollercoaster."

The musical opened in the West End at the Prince Edward Theatre on April 6, 1999, and transferred to the Prince of Wales Theatre on June 9, 2004, where it played until September 2012. It has also featured on Broadway and at other cities around the world. The present British tour has thrilled audiences the length and breadth of the UK and Lucy May says the responses have been remarkable.

"There was a review back at the start saying Mamma Mia should be available on the NHS. I've played it for the whole tour since 2016. With that

*I want to transport
people away to
our little Greek
island world*

comes fantastic opportunities for learning and developing the role. I'd like to think I've got better. You practice something eight times a week and different audiences and different places give you different things. We were in Birmingham for 10 weeks and it was great and people are generally happy and cheery in the West Midlands: they're up for a good time.

"I've been to Wolverhampton before in other shows and the Grand is a beautiful theatre. There are some audiences that are slightly more serious in other parts of the UK, but Birmingham and Wolverhampton. But these are cities I love.

"To do big scale musicals that are uplifting and crowd-pleasing and positive is a gift.

"As a kid I did Annie and that really gave me the bug. Most of the people on stage or in the company had done it as kids, they'd done that in theatre school. So to go from doing that as a child to doing it as a professional in adult life is a dream. I try to always remember that. Not a lot of people have the opportunity to turn their childhood passion turning into their life passion – I'm one of the lucky ones."

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A scene from Matthew Bourne's Cinderella



Cinderella dances in Blitz battered London

AUDIENCES have been laughing along to a star-studded pantomime production of Cinderella for several weeks at Birmingham Hippodrome but a very different, darker vision of the fairy tale is arriving at the venue next week.

Choreographer and leader of the New Adventures dance company Matthew Bourne, who thrilled audiences at the Hippodrome a year ago with his glamorous cinematic-styled version of The Red Shoes, has revived his take on Cinderella.

It is set in a Blitz-ruined wartime London where the threat of death has ignited a new age of hedonism as our heroine embarks on a dizzying romance with an

RAF pilot. Bourne's stylish vision, which was screened by BBC TV during the festive season from London's Sadler's Wells Theatre, is a revival of a production first performed 21 years ago and last revived a decade ago. It is a radical reworking that draws on a real life tragedy when popular London nightclub the Café de Paris took a direct hit from a Luftwaffe bomb.

The production keeps the magnificent Prokofiev score from the traditional ballet, in recorded form, and has potent imagery that often recalls Powell and Pressburger's classic 1946 wartime fantasy A Matter of Life and Death, about a pilot who briefly cheats death.

Matthew Bourne's Cinderella is staged from Tuesday to Saturday. See birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Brief return to Rep for classic romance

One of the most acclaimed theatrical productions of recent years returns to Birmingham in February.

Kneehigh's production of Noël Coward's Brief Encounter, adapted and directed by Emma Rice, will be staged at Birmingham Repertory Theatre from tomorrow (Friday) until February 17.

Coward's Brief Encounter is one of the most haunting love stories ever and is particularly fondly remembered due David Lean's classic British movie from 1945 starring Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard.

A chance meeting in a railway station café brings together housewife Laura and doctor Alec and their casual friendship turns into a heart-breaking love story.

Both the play and the film inspired acclaimed director Emma Rice. She says: "Brief Encounter combines the romance of cinema with all that live theatre can offer; magic, passion, surprise, suggestion and naughtiness."

"I carry this show in my heart and couldn't be more excited to return to this heart-pounding production and bring it back to Birmingham. Radical and romantic, nostalgic but oh, so relevant – let

passions ignite!"

This award-winning production of Brief Encounter premiered at Birmingham Repertory Theatre in 2007 winning the hearts of audiences and critics alike. It subsequently triumphed in the West End, toured the globe and received dazzling reviews on Broadway.

The cast will feature Jim Sturgeon as Alec and Isabel Pollen as Laura. Brief Encounter will be directed by Emma Rice and designed by Neil Murray.

For more information see birmingham-rep.co.uk or for tickets call 0121 236 4455.



Japanese drums and Beethoven

Japanese taiko percussion group Kodo perform new work Evolution at Symphony Hall on Monday. Classical highlights at the Birmingham venue include Scottish violin virtuoso Nicola Benedetti, pictured, on Tuesday. She performs Beethoven's Fourth Symphony and his Violin Concerto with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. The CBSO conducted by Constantinos Carydis perform Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition on Wednesday.



Sub Pop's latest signing at the NAC

Californian singer-songwriter Jesca Hoop, who is currently based in Manchester, is in concert at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Wolverhampton on Monday. She has released five studio albums since she was encouraged to start her musical career by Tom Waits and Kathleen Brennan, and has worked with Guy Garvey and as a backing singer for Peter Dinklage. She recently signed to the Seattle-based Sub Pop label.

Also coming to the NAC are the Jam-like Watford outfit The Spitfires on Saturday. American punk veterans the Dead Boys are at Digbeth's O2 Institute tomorrow (Friday). Reggae star Macka B is back on home turf for a gig at Bilston's Robin 2 on Saturday. Jazz and reggae singer Zara McFarlane is at the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath on Wednesday.



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Jim Sturgess

Hard Sun (BBC1, 9.30pm)
A night jogger is murdered and brutalised in his home, and when Renko realises the victim is a man from her past, she realises his death has dire personal implications for both her and Daniel. Armed with knowledge of Renko's traumatic history, Hicks understands the significance of the man's death, but with the government breathing down his neck to secure the Hard Sun dossier, he once again finds himself at odds with her. Meanwhile, Daniel goes on the run after inadvertently claiming the Hard Sun flashdrive, but fleeing places him firmly in Grace Morrigan's cross-hairs. Pre-apocalyptic crime thriller, starring Jim Sturgess, Agyness Deyn, Nikki Amuka-Bird and Owain Arthur.

CHOICE

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Six Nations Preview. **1.45** Live Six Nations Rugby Union, Wales v Scotland (Kick-off 2.15pm). **4.15** Live Six Nations Rugby Union.
7.00 **BBC News.**
7.10 **Regional Programme.**
7.15 **All Together Now.** The musical talent show continues, as Rob Beckett invites more singers to step on-stage for a chance to win a £50,000 cash prize. Facing a 100-strong panel of judges, the stars must not only deliver the performance of a lifetime, but also encourage the panellists to join in too. The more judges each singer manages to win over, the better their chances of proceeding to the grand final.
8.20 **Casualty.** New COO Avis Baxter arrives to find Holly in chaos. The hospital is at capacity, and a queue of ambulances laden with deteriorating patients is only making matters worse. Alicia is horrified when Ethan tows the management line, stating no more locums or nurses will be made available, and when his decisions result in a serious case of sepsis being missed, and breaks the rules to get the patient - an injured chef - into resus. Meanwhile, eager new F1 Bea faces a trial by fire in the ED after offloading her 'uninteresting' patients on old medical school pal Rash, and Charlie's plans to wine and dine Duffy on their anniversary fall short of the mark.
9.10 **BBC News:** Weather.
9.30 **Hard Sun.** The brutal murder of a night jogger has dire personal implications for both Renko and Daniel, and places Hicks at odds with a colleague he has come to respect.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Burnley v Manchester City, Manchester United v Huddersfield Town and Arsenal v Everton; National Lottery Update.
11.55 **The NFL Show.** Mark Chapman is joined by Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to look ahead to Super Bowl LII.
12.25 **Film:** Ill Manors. (2012) **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 The Wonder of Animals. (R) **6.40** Naomi's Nightmares of Nature. **7.10** The Pets Factor. **7.30** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **7.45** Matilda and the Ramsay Bunch. **8.00** The Denigiers.
8.30 Deadly Top 10. (R) **9.00** Robot Wars. (R) **10.00** Robot Wars. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure. (R) **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. Spain v Great Britain. **3.30** Nigel Slater's Middle East. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Flog It! (R)
6.00 **Hugh's Wild West.** Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's West Country tour continues as he visits the Somerset Levels, where he witnesses the natural spectacle of huge flocks of starlings swirling in the sky as they come in to roost for the winter. He also discovers how the Levels' dedicated volunteers have helped to maintain crucial reedbeds, which have now become havens for rare bitterns and great white egrets. Plus, Hugh observes the large blue butterfly, which has been brought back to the region from near-extinction, and meets nature enthusiast Stephen Hembury, who has been capturing local wildlife on film, but is having little luck recording elusive hares.
7.00 **A House Through Time.** David Olusoga concludes the house's story, revealing how it was once almost demolished, then became a home for creative people and meeting the current owner. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring is accused of leaving a light burning in the church hall during a blackout, and receives a summons to appear in court. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. (R)
8.30 **Grand Tours of Scotland's Lochs.** Paul Merton embarks on a journey from Lairg on Loch Shin to Lochinver and finally, to the summit of Suilven - one of the most distinctive mountains in Scotland.
9.00 **QI XL.** Jason Manford, Jimmy Carr and Victoria Coren Mitchell join Alan Davies and Sandi Toksvig for an extended edition of the unconventional quiz.
9.45 **Live at the Apollo.** (R)
10.30 **Film: The Talented Mr Ripley.** (1999)
12.40 **Film:** Albatross. (2011) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Sooty. **6.10** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.20** Bottom Knockor Street. (R) **6.35** Dino Dana. (R) **6.50** Super 4. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Marvel Ultimate Spider-Man vs The Sinister Six. **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. **7.55** Scrambled!: Fangbone. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **9.05** Scrambled!: Wishfart. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.20** Dancing on Ice. (R) **1.20** ITV News: Weather. **1.30** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **3.15** Catchphrase. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)
6.00 **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.05** **ITV News:** Weather.
6.15 **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill introduces more viewer-submitted comedy clips, including a drone's destructive encounter with an errant baseball, and a photo-shy seal.
6.40 **Take Me Out.** Men from Leeds, Dublin, Edinburgh and Swansea seek the approval of the 30 single ladies sitting on Paddy McGuinness's panel.
8.00 **The Voice UK.** The Blind Auditions enter their fifth week, as Will.I.am, Jennifer Hudson, Olly Murs and Tom Jones reassemble to assess the singing skills of more would-be stars. Emma Willis ushers the contestants on-stage where, yet again, the coaches must decide whether they would like to back each performer based on the power of their voice, rather than their appearance. Only once a coach decides to support the singer are they permitted to turn their chair around, and any of the contestants chosen could be in with a chance of securing a recording contract with Polydor.
9.30 **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon infiltrates the homes of another three mystery celebrities, and challenges Shane Richie, Rachel Riley and Alex James to guess "who habitates in a house like this".
10.30 **ITV News:** Weather.
10.45 **Film: Lethal Weapon.** (1987) Action thriller, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover.
12.40 Jackpot247. **3.00** Babushka. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **6.45** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.35** The King of Queens. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.25** Coast vs Country. (R) **3.25** A Place in the Sun. (R) **4.30** The Secret Life of the Zoo. (R) **5.35** The Superevet. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Great Canal Journeys.** Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the landscape of north-west Portugal as they embark on a voyage down the Rio Douro. It's a journey that combines two of their favourite things - water and wine - as they follow the route taken by Yorkshire-born port entrepreneur Baron Forrester, and visit some stunning wine estates. The couple also stop off at the Factory House, a traditional English gentlemen's club that lies in the heart of the city of Porto. (R)
8.00 **Village of the Year with Penelope Keith.** Five villages from the Central Zone, which reaches from the west of Ireland to the Midlands, compete for a place in the final, as judges Alex Langlands, Patrick Grant and Juliet Sargeant assess their merits.
9.00 **Film: Suffragette.** (2015) Premiere. A woman joins a campaign to gain the right to vote in 1912. She and her allies find their peaceful protests accomplishing little in the face of an unwavering state, so resort to increasingly violent measures, risking everything they have in the pursuit of political justice. Period drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham Carter, Anne-Marie Duff and Meryl Streep.
11.10 **Film: About Time.** (2013) A man learns he has the ability to travel through time and uses the power to improve his love life. Romantic fantasy comedy, with Domhnall Gleeson and Rachel McAdams.
1.20 The Last Leg. With guest Stephen Fry. (R) **2.15** Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace and Triggie's plan backfires. (R) **4.20** Coast vs Country. A woman seeks a new life in north Wales. (R) **5.15** Location, Location, Location. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** The A-Team. (R) **2.00** The A-Team. (R) **3.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **4.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.00** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.55** 5 News Weekend.
6.00 **The Wonderful World of Puppies.**
The canine development documentary continues by exploring how puppies use their key senses - smell, touch, sight and hearing - to absorb information about their new surroundings, and crucially, make a start on broadening their horizons. Six-week-old golden retriever Dakin demonstrates how his ever-developing brain helps improve his stature and coordination, and a litter of bull mastiff pups are left baffled by a mirror. A cocker spaniel destined to become a working dog illustrates how selective breeding can encourage desirable abilities, and a corgi with a big future as a show-dog must first overcome a few crucial hurdles.
7.00 **Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind-Ups.** Joe Pasquale showcases one last selection of pranks, with laughs coming at the expense of Justin Timberlake and Louis Walsh, among others. Last in the series.
8.00 **Blind Date.** A white witch from Preston seeks to cast her spell on three eligible bachelors, and former military man Dean from Wiltshire sets out to find his dream girl. Last in the series.
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Colin Murray introduces highlights from the weekend's games, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Sheffield United, Aston Villa v Burton Albion and Leeds United v Cardiff City.
9.55 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Colin Murray introduces all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including Bristol Rovers v Shrewsbury Town and Plymouth Argyle v Blackburn Rovers.
10.25 **The X-Files.** (R) **11.15** **The X-Files.** (R) **12.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Film: Vampire Academy. (2014) **4.45** House Doctor. (R) **5.00** Great Artists. (R) **5.35** House Busters. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **8.00** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **9.00** Spiral **11.05** Top of the Pops: 1985 **12.10** Elvis: That's Alright Mama 60 Years On **1.10** Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean **2.10** Nature's Miniature Miracles: Natural World **3.10** Close
ITV2
12.00 Take Me Out **1.15** Totally You've Been Framed! Gold **2.20** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **3.20** FYI Daily **3.25** Film: Yogi Bear (2010) **4.00** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.45** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) **9.00** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05** Film: 22 Jump Street (2014) **11.15** Family Guy **12.15** American Dad! **1.10** Release the Hounds **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **3.00** Teleshopping
ITV3
2.55 Film: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) **4.55** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Foyle's War **1.00** On the Buses **1.55** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Sandown. Coverage of today's meetings Sandown Park, Musselburgh, and Wetherby. **4.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **5.50** Storage Wars **6.45** Live World Boxing Super Series. Murat Gassiev v Yunier Dorticos. **11.30** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **12.30** FYI Daily **12.35** Film: Pale Rider (1985) **1.50** The Professionals **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.30 The Goldbergs **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011) **10.55** Gogglebox **1.05** Naked Attraction **2.10** Rude Tube **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** How I Met Your Mother **4.45** Rude(ish) Tube
Film4
11.00 Dunston Checks In (1996) **1.00** Johnny English (2003) **2.45** Carry On Cleo (1964) **4.35** The Family Stone (2005) Festive comedy drama, with Sarah Jessica Parker. **6.45** The River Wild (1994) **9.00** The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) The awkward teenagers find university does not live up to their expectations, and go to Australia in search of adventure. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. **10.55** The Hollow (2015) Premiere. Horror, starring Joseph Mawle. **12.50** Troll Hunter (2010) **3.05** Close

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** The Truth About Getting Fit. (R) **2.15** Wonders of the Moon. (R) **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Songs of Praise. **4.20** Film: The Proposal. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds.
6.05 BBC News.
6.20 Regional Programme.
6.30 Countryfile. Reports on winter from around the country. Matt Baker meets a Dorset man championing local winter produce, and Anita Rani discovers the therapeutic benefit of making jewellery. Steve Brown learns to drive a team of huskies, Joe Crowley meets a man with a lifelong passion for deer, Adam Henson visits a farm where gathering the sheep is a risky business, and Ellie Harrison learns about foxes. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.30 Still Open All Hours. Granville and Gastric come up with a romantic plan to persuade Madge and Mavis to stay. However, it involves spending a little more money than the shopkeeper is comfortable with.
8.00 Call the Midwife. Nurse Crane and Trixie investigate when a mother abandons her children at the clinic. When the woman is sent to a neurologist, the results are devastating for the whole family.
9.00 McMafia. Alex is forced to admit the truth as peace negotiations in Istanbul get underway between Semiyon and his enemies, but he does not realise he is about to suffer a further betrayal.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day 2. Action from this afternoon's Premier League fixtures – Liverpool v Tottenham Hotspur at Anfield and Crystal Palace v Newcastle United at Selhurst Park.
11.15 American Football: Super Bowl LII. New England Patriots v Philadelphia Eagles (Kick-off 11.30pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the showpiece match.
3.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2

7.05 Gardeners' World. (R) **7.35** Countryfile. (R) **8.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. **1.00** Money for Nothing. (R) **1.30** Orson Welles: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.10** Film: Jane Eyre. (1943) **3.45** The Crane Gang. (R) **4.45** Elsie Christie: In from the Cold. **5.15** Ski Sunday.
6.00 Six Nations Rugby Special. Italy v England. John Inverdale presents action from the concluding match of the opening round of fixtures, held at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.
7.00 New York: America's Busiest City. Ade Adepitan, Anita Rani, Ant Anstead and Dan Snow take a closer look at one of the most powerful cities in the world, focusing on transport links in the first edition. (R)
8.00 Yellowstone: The Blazing Summer. Summer in Yellowstone brings a new challenge for the beavers as their river dries up, while the wolves have a surprising strategy to keep their pups fed. Last in the series. (R)
9.00 Dragons' Den. The panel assesses the profit-making potential of more business ideas, including a range of language-learning children's books and skin care products made out of hemp.
10.00 The Mash Report. Nish Kumar and a cast of comedy correspondents present the satirical and surreal take on the week's news. (R)
10.30 Insert Name Here. Miles Jupp, Kate Williams, Sally Phillips and Roisin Conaty join captains Richard Osman and Josh Widdicombe to answer Sue Perkins' questions about famous people who share a name. (R)
11.00 Cleverman. Boondee becomes the first public victim of the sinister "Process". Charlotte suspects there is something terribly wrong with her pregnancy, and Koen is reunited with an old friend.
11.55 Women's Six Nations Highlights. Action from the opening round of fixtures, which featured Wales v Scotland at Parc Eirias, France v Ireland at Stade Ernest Wallon, and Italy v England at Stadio Mirabello.
12.25 Film: Yves Saint Laurent. (2014) **2.05** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.05** Holby City. (R) **4.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby present the next stage as the contest reaches the halfway point, with nine celebrities still in the running to be crowned this year's champion. However, they still need to impress judges Jayne Torvill, Christopher Dean, Ashley Banjo and Jason Gardiner with their talents to avoid the skate-off.
8.00 Endeavour. New series. The detective investigates when a famous international thief tries to steal a Faberge egg from an auction - but the case leads to two gruesome murders.
10.00 ITV News: Weather.
10.15 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with Allegra Stratton. (R)
11.15 Next of Kin. Mona is released from custody and agrees to become a tasked witness, which means she will be covert source for the police in their attempts to bring in her nephew Danny. However, the fallout from her actions at home is disastrous and her marriage comes under more strain than ever. Thriller about a doctor who is drawn into a tangle of betrayal, conspiracy and murder after her brother's kidnapping brings buried family secrets to light, starring Archie Panjabi, Jack Davenport, Claire Skinner and Viveik Kaira. (R)
12.15 Great Art. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. Interactive gaming. **3.00** Take on the Twisters. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.15** The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) **1.35** The Simpsons. (R) **2.05** The Simpsons. (R) **2.35** Film: Never Been Kissed. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **4.40** Film: Shark Tale. (2004) Animated comedy, with the voice of Will Smith.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Posh Pawn. The return of the programme offering an insight into the world of high-end pawnbroking. James takes a ride around London in an eye-catching supercar, with an aspiring fitness guru who's looking for £80,000. With her eyes on a round-the-world cruise costing £30,000, an adventurous retiree wants to sell a collection of handbags and jewellery. A car enthusiast contacts memorabilia expert Lawrence about a helmet that once belonged to land speed record-breaker Donald Campbell, and James faces a dilemma when he gets an offer for one of his favourite impulse buys. (R)
8.00 The Biggest Little Railway in the World. The model train is only halfway through its journey to Inverness, but has to drive through bad weather and harsh terrain with the volunteers due to head home. Last in the series.
9.00 SAS: Who Dares Wins. The seven recruits who have made it to the final stage of the contest face the most gruelling challenge so far – which only one of them will complete. Last in the series.
10.00 Maltese: The Mafia Detective. New series. Italian crime drama following a Sicilian detective who is drawn into a struggle with the Mafia after he witnesses the murder of his best friend and his fiancée.
11.15 Film: Elizabeth. (1998) Elizabeth I's rise to the throne is threatened as enemies within the court and overseas plot to bring about her downfall. Historical drama, with Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush.
1.25 The World's Most Expensive Food. (R) **2.20** The Supertv. (R) **3.15** Sarah Beeny's Four Rooms. (R) **4.10** KOTV Boxing Weekly.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Little Princess. **6.15** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **6.25** Poppy Cat. (R) **6.35** Wisper. (R) **6.45** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.50** Milkshake! Bopping About. (R) **6.55** Simon. (R) **7.00** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.05** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.20** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.30** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.40** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.50** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.15** Milkshake!: Paw Patrol. **8.30** Nella the Princess Knight. (R) **8.50** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.35** Digby Dragon. (R) **9.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Peppa Pig. (R) **10.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.30** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55** Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) **1.55** Film: Johnny English Reborn. (2011) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson. **3.55** 5 News Weekend. **4.00** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Noah Ringer. **5.00** 5 News Update. **5.05** Film: The Last Airbender. (2010) Concluded.
6.00 Film: Bulletproof Monk. (2003) A mysterious Tibetan monk is entrusted with protecting an ancient and mystical scroll. As modern-day Nazis seek out the relic in a bid to resurrect the Third Reich, the monk searches for a suitable successor to take over his task – and a pickpocket is the unlikely choice. Martial arts thriller, starring Chow Yun-Fat, Seann William Scott, Jaime King, Victoria Smurfit and Karel Roden. Edited for violence.
8.00 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed with rage over his parents' murder. Trained by a secret society, he hones his fighting skills and returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. Comic-book adventure, exploring the origins of the Dark Knight, with Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Gary Oldman and Katie Holmes.
9.00 5 News Update.
9.05 Film: Batman Begins. (2005) Concluded.
10.50 Film: The Punisher. (2004)
1.05 The X-Files. (R) **2.45** SuperCasino. **4.00** Get Your Tattoos Out: Kavos Ink. (R) **4.45** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Only Connect **7.30** University Challenge **8.00** Cuba with Simon Reeve **9.00** Scotland's Vital Spark: The Clyde Puffer **10.00** Arena: Stanley and His Daughters **11.15** Stanley Spencer: The Colours of the Clyde **11.45** The Story of Maths **1.45** Cuba with Simon Reeve **2.45** Art, Passion & Power: The Story of the Royal Collection **3.45** Close
ITV2
11.40 Take Me Out **1.00** The Voice UK **2.30** Film: Beethoven (1992) **3.30** FYI Daily **3.35** Film: Beethoven (1992) **4.10** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.10** FYI Daily **5.15** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.55** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** Film: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV3
11.50 Lewis **1.50** A Touch of Frost **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Tonight at the London Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **11.00** Film: The Constant Gardener (2005) **1.30** Blue Murder **2.45** George and Mildred
ITV4
11.10 Pawn Stars **1.00** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05** Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **3.15** Film: Smoke and the Bandit (1977) **4.15** FYI Daily **4.20** Film: Smoke and the Bandit (1977) **5.05** Film: Thunderball (1965) **6.05** FYI Daily **6.10** Film: Thunderball (1965) **7.50** Hornblower **10.00** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.05** FYI Daily **11.10** Film: Source Code (2011) **11.55** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** Film: The Gauntlet (1977) **2.05** The Professionals **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
1.05 Toy Story Toons: Small Fry **1.15** The Big Bang Theory: Go Dating **5.45** The Big Bang Theory **6.45** Film: The Devil Wears Prada (2006) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Film: This Means War (2012) **12.00** The Big Bang Theory **1.00** Celebs Go Dating **2.00** First Dates
Film4
1.00 Catch That Kid (2004) **2.55** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) **4.35** Dante's Peak (1997) **6.45** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) **9.00** No Escape (2015) **11.05** Queen and Country (2014) **1.20** Atonement (2007) **3.45** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

The Silence of the Lambs, Channel 5, 10pm
Trainee FBI agent Clarice Starling is sent to interview an imprisoned psychopath with a taste for eating his victims. The inmate offers to help catch a serial killer who is holding a politician's daughter hostage - but to learn what he knows, Clarice has to engage in his dangerous mind games. Jonathan Demme's Oscar-winning thriller, based on Thomas Harris's novel, starring Jodie Foster, Anthony Hopkins, Scott Glenn and Ted Levine. (1991)

TUESDAY

The Devil's Teardrop, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A serial killer terrorises Washington DC, with a ransom note the only clue to his identity. A handwriting analyst agrees to help the FBI with their investigation, but also has to deal with fighting his ex-wife for custody of their children. Crime drama based on Jeffery Deaver's novel, starring Tom Everett Scott and Natasha Henstridge. (2010)



Looper, Friday, BBC2, 11.05pm

WEDNESDAY

Midnight Stallion, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A 15-year-old girl and her parents are desperate to save their struggling farm, and when they discover a wild stallion in a nearby forest they begin to wonder if it could be the answer to their prayers. Drama, starring Kris Kristofferson. (2013)

THURSDAY

Abducted: The Carlina White Story, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A couple take their three-week-old baby to a hospital for treatment, but she is snatched by a woman desperate for a child. She raises the infant as her own for years, but as the girl grows up, she begins to suspect the truth and resolves to investigate her kidnapping and find her parents. Fact-based drama, starring Keke Palmer and Anjanue Ellis. (2012)

FRIDAY

Looper, BBC2, 11.05pm

A hitman employed to kill people who have been sent back in time finds his latest target is his future self. Sci-fi thriller, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Bruce Willis. (2012)

Will the truth still be out there for Mulder and Scully?

Bringing shows back from the dead is all the rage these days – and it's probably all Doctor Who's fault.

The much-loved sci-fi show was axed in 1989, was revived in 1996 for a lacklustre TV movie and then disappeared again until 2005 when it made a triumphant return; it's now one of the BBC's biggest hits, with the next run set to shake things up when, for the first time, a woman (Broadchurch star Jodie Whittaker) will play the Time Lord.

In May 2017, David Lynch's surreal Twin Peaks returned after a 26-year hiatus, but before that, The X-Files ended its 14-year exile with a well-received 10th season.

When we caught up with its main characters – FBI agents Mulder and Scully – the duo had been living separate lives for years; she was working at her medical practice, while he ploughing his own furrow. They were initially brought back together by a cable TV host who wanted them to help him expose a sinister organisation he believed

had the power to control the American public.

What came as a big surprise was that Channel 5 bagged the chance to broadcast it in this country rather than the BBC, who had the rights to the original run, or Sky.

Prior to it being shown in the UK, some speculated that perhaps the big guns hadn't wanted the show because it had lost its sparkle. However, their fears were soon dispelled – despite some critics being unkind, fans were thrilled by each episode.

Now it's back for a new run of 10 tales, but there's some sadness attached to that – Gillian Anderson has already announced that she's played Scully for the final time; even if The X-Files returns, she will no longer be a part of it – so enjoy her appearance here while you can.

Really, her decision to return to the programme that made her name was something of a surprise. In recent years she's become highly sought after on both sides of the Atlantic thanks to acclaimed

performances in The Fall, Great Expectations, The Crimson Petal and the White, War and Peace and Hannibal; Anderson no longer needs the boost to her career that The X-Files once gave her.

She is, however, in the thick of things during the first episode, which begins when Mulder finds Scully unconscious on the floor of their FBI office.

It's discovered that her brain is in a frenzy of activity, and when she eventually awakes, Scully claims she has had a premonition that suggest the end of the world is nigh – and the only person who can prevent that happening is their mysterious son William.

Will the duo find him? What will he look like, and is his mother right about his ability to save the planet?

We don't know yet, but there's another question that needs to be answered: Anderson may have quit, but will her co-star, David Duchovny, be willing to return?

Nobody knows, but the truth is out there...



Gillian Anderson and David Duchovny, The X-Files, Monday, Channel 5, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

My Return from IS - Panorama BBC1, 8.30pm

The programme tells the story of a British woman who is back in the UK after living with so-called Islamic State in Syria for more than two years before managing to escape with the help of her mother. She was arrested, but after extensive debriefing by counterterrorist officers the CPS decided there were no grounds for prosecution. 'Fatima' tells Panorama reporter Peter Taylor how the group has hijacked Islam, with men acting as cannon fodder and women used for cooking, cleaning and giving birth.

TUESDAY

The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds: All Girls Channel 4, 8pm

They are one of the most powerful forces in the universe who can get whatever they want with one look. They are five year old girls, and as this one-off reminds us, they are not to be underestimated, as Eva, Jet, Milyah and Zaina prove. The familiar faces are joined by a fresh cast of new girls, while child development experts Dr Elizabeth Kilbey and Laverne Antrobus watch the drama unfold and provide insight into their behaviour. Cameras reveal how the girls see themselves - and the role of women - in 2018.

WEDNESDAY

Eurovision: You Decide BBC2, 7.30pm

The Brighton Dome has an important place in Eurovision history – it's the venue where Abba, arguably the contest's biggest gift to the world, won in 1974 with Waterloo. But will some of their magic rub off on this year's would-be UK representatives as they take to the stage in the hope of being chosen by the public and a panel of experts? The acts battling it out are former Britain's Got Talent contestant Asanda, girl group Goldstone, soul singer Jaz Ellington, musical theatre actor Jaz Ellington, DJ and singer RAYA and SuRie, who has previously performed as a backing vocalist at Eurovision. Meanwhile, another Swedish champion, 2015 winner Måns Zelmerlöw, joins Eurovision superfan Mel Giedroyc on hosting duties.

My Millionaire Migrant Boss Channel 4, 9pm

It's been claimed that many immigrants to the UK end up taking jobs that Brits don't want, but is this work ethic the reason why they are three-times more

likely to become millionaires than people who were born here? Liverpool-based Palestinian Marwan Koukash would seem to be proof that hard work does pay off. He arrived in 1976 with just £200 and is now a multi-millionaire with several business interests and a string of prize-winning racehorses.

He wants to give something back to his adoptive country by offering four unemployed people a two-week work trial and the chance to be mentored by him. Will they rise to the challenge and prove they have the right attitude to get a permanent job at the end of the placement?

THURSDAY

Winter Olympics: Countdown to the Games BBC2, 7pm

The funding of winter sports in the UK has more than doubled since the Winter Olympics in Sochi in 2014, and it's hoped that will be reflected in Team GB's performance this year – their

medal target for the games in PyeongChang, South Korea, is between eight and 12. On the eve of the opening ceremony, Clare Balding meets some of the athletes who are hoping to contribute to that tally including short track speed skater Elise Christie, who is looking for redemption after the heartbreak of being disqualified three time in Sochi, and skeleton bob star Lizzy Yarnold, who aims to become the first Briton to retain a Winter Olympic gold medal. But as well as looking ahead to the Games, Balding will also be learning more about the host country – including the impact of the rising tensions between neighbouring North Korea and the USA.

FRIDAY

Lethal Weapon ITV, 9pm

Although Lethal Weapon (the films, as well as this TV series) are primarily action dramas, they have always had a strong comedy element. And this comes to the fore this week as Thomas Lennon's Leo Getz returns, which pushes Murtaugh (Damon Wayans) and Riggs (Clayne Crawford) to up their banter game. Tonight's story follows the cops as they investigate a death that occurred moments before the victim won a fortune on a horse race.



Lethal Weapon, Friday, ITV, 9pm

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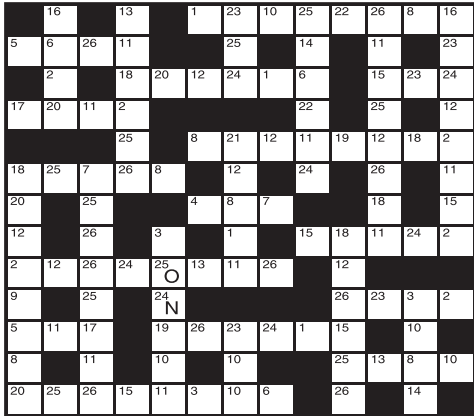
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

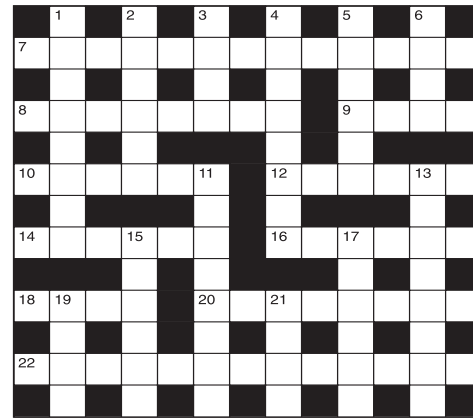
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Even the nudist will require this! (4,9)
- Hero-worship adroitly adjusted (8)
- Some of them matched a favourite of the Janeites (4)
- Business proposition is far from tough (6)
- & 14Ac. A person of corresponding significance (6-6)
- See 12 Across
- Takes off the narrow pieces (6)
- That is about five hundred and fifty unemployed (4)
- Can start to do business somehow (8)
- Shouldered the burden before nightfall and won (7,3,3)

Down

- Artist who was an observer of the country (8)
- Fastened up impressively? (6)
- See 19 Down
- Engineer gets bikes and uses the scrap again (8)
- A track made by mountaineers (6)
- Check the flower-holder (4)
- They cease to exist if they're easy to find (8)
- Particular pieces rewritten by nearly everybody (8)
- He gets nothing in an attempt to produce an abstract idea (6)
- An unusual spread had a jarring effect (6)
- & 3Dn. Exhausted dropout (8)
- Dramatic pieces following the gospels (4)



Quick Clues:

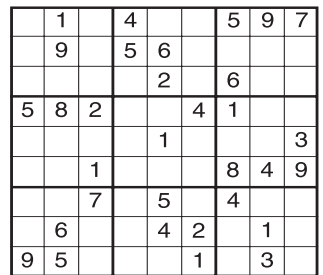
Across

- Blameworthy (13)
- Music writer (8)
- Departed (4)
- Gambol (6)
- Sermonize (6)
- Abut (6)
- Seemly (6)
- Heroic (4)
- Secretly (8)
- Inclusive (13)

Down

- Consumed (8)
- Drive (6)
- In this way (4)
- Brave (8)
- Unmarried (6)
- Open tart (4)
- Ponder (8)
- Private meeting (8)
- Fill (6)
- Fondle (6)
- Indigent (4)
- Lament (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

3	8	5	9	4	2	7	1	6
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Apes; 8 Communique; 9 Feathers; 10 Post; 12 Stroke; 14 Spruce; 15 Cinema; 17 Rating; 18 Gnat; 19 Pastiche; 21 Plantation; 22 Side. Down: 2 Pedestrian; 3 Scot; 4 Ampere; 5 Curses; 6 Dispirit; 7 Rest; 11 Second-hand; 13 Overtone; 16 Appear; 17 Rustic; 18 Gaps; 20 Inns. QUICK - Across: 1 Toss; 8 Earthquake; 9 Pretence; 10 Gape; 12 Ignite; 14 Driver; 15 Foster; 17 Brewer; 18 Tsar; 19 Consider; 21 Disappoint; 22 Amen. Down: 2 Outrageous; 3 Sent; 4 Orange; 5 Shield; 6 Quagmire; 7 Mete; 11 Preference; 13 Interval; 16 Recipe; 17 Bandit; 18 Tidy; 20 Iota.

Quiz

- Goths were divided into Visigoths and which other group?
- What was founded in 1903 as the first English garden city?
- In Christianity, what are the highest order of angels called?
- Which poet won the 1948 Nobel prize for literature?
- Which clan conspired with the English in the Glencoe massacre?
- Where was the British Unknown Soldier buried in 1920?
- Of what is stinkhorn a species?
- Which incendiary liquid is a mixture of naphthenic and palmitic acids?
- What is the oldest British university?
- What is the hybrid between a blackberry and a raspberry called?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Paradise Regained; 2 The Velvet Underground; 3 Dwight Eisenhower; 4 New Hebrides; 5 Prime minister (of Ireland); 6 Jeremy Bates; 7 Black Widow; 8 Carol Ann Duffy; 9 Dr Graham Leonard; 10 Nigeria. Niner: SNOWFIELD

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a rhyme,
gives a composition,
gives a German song.

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Enjoy being left to your own Devizes

THERE was a time when the medieval market town of Devizes held a particular spot in weary travellers' affections.

Many people still remember, before motorways and ring roads headed west, this special little place being a landmark for holidaymakers heading to and from Cornwall and Devon.

A stop-off at Devizes was a must for sandwiches in greaseproof paper and tea from a flask. But for me only living only five miles away in a little hamlet, where villagers viewed Devizes as a dazzling metropolis, it was a box of treats, hiding such diverse delights as school shoes, cattle feed and cheese.

How lovely then to go back to my home town, on a tour of south Wiltshire and see it through the eyes of a tourist, and not one on the road to somewhere else, but one intent on enjoying all this 1,000-year-old settlement can offer.

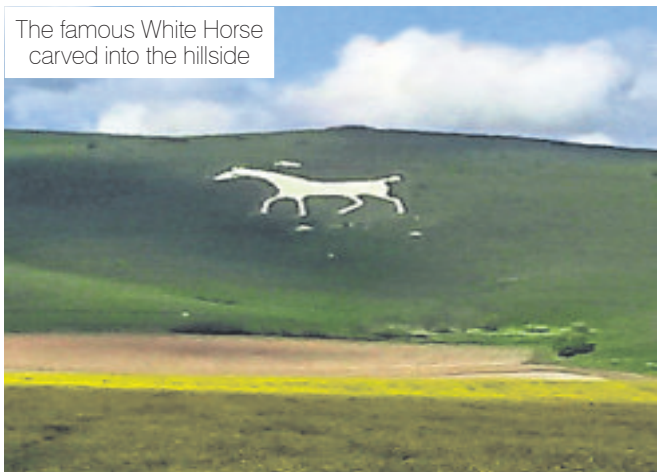
FASCINATING

Still dominating the skyline, is the Wadworths brewery, home of the much venerated 6X ale. The scent of its toasted malt fills the streets now, as it did then when I was a schoolgirl. A team of shire horses still deliver the barrels within a two-mile radius, and it is still a major employer. But now, the facade is crisp and bedecked with flowers and pride of place is given to a smart visitors' centre.

Booking in advance is a must for a two-hour tour of this fascinating building, where all the 'big girls and boys' seem to get holiday jobs when I was a youngster.

The tour includes an opportunity to marvel both at the size of the shire horses, and the skills of the brewery's own sign-writers. And what's not to love about the opportunity to taste some of the quality brews at the end – and take home a few bonus samples.

The famous White Horse carved into the hillside



Next on our fresh look at Devizes, was a 90-minute cruise aboard the Kenavon Venture along the Kennet and Avon Canal. While I'm sure this waterway was there when I was a child, I didn't notice it, and neither had anyone with an eye for tourism.

It's a beauty. Alongside a bewitching wharf, with cafe, curios, antiques and art the Devizes leg snakes through the edge of the town and into the Wiltshire countryside, with maybe the chance to spot a kingfisher or a water vole. There is also, nowadays, a smart new marina and a museum.

Traders busy in Devizes Market Place



Our trip was a lovely opportunity to relax after all the beer tasting and to hear all the fascinating snippets of canal gossip served up by our crew.

We were still laughing when we arrived at our perfect bed and breakfast, Avalon Lodge, in Rowde. Owner Nick greeted us not only with the biggest smile in the world but a huge pot of tea and plates of luxury biscuits. What's more, he served them in a serene sitting room saved for guests – no annexing of the clientele in this lovely establishment. Beautiful decor, plump towels, an enormous shower and views over a cottage garden,

ducks, geese and the hills beyond – perfect. Next morning we went somewhere no self-respecting 70s teenager would have dared visit – the Wiltshire Museum, just off Devizes market place. The more mature me loved it, especially in the hands of director David Dawson, who gave us a personal guided tour.

But it was to my own personal timeline that we returned for the end of our tour – Market Lavington, where I went to secondary school. Devizes, you are no longer a town to travel through – you are a destination, and a delight.

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PROPERTY

YOUR WEEKLY
GUIDE TO HOME
BUYING AND
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Three-bedroomed link-detached is well presented

New to the property market and being beautifully presented, 12 Sunningdale Road, Sedgley, is a three-bedroomed link-detached family home set in a quiet cul-de-sac.

Situated on the enviable Northway development, it comes with an elevated garden having open aspect views, and the frontage is packed with kerb appeal.

It is for sale through Hunters Estate Agents at £259,950.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway with storage off, a lounge and a dining room, a conservatory, an extended kitchen with access to an excellent size garage, three bedrooms and an extended bathroom.

This property has beautifully laid front gardens, a block paved driveway providing off-road parking and a fabulous rear garden. A spokesperson for the selling agent said: "This is an ideal family home and viewing is highly recommended."

In more detail the entrance hall has a window to the front, a storage cupboard, laminate flooring and stairs off. The lounge has a bay window to the front, coving, a feature fireplace with an electric fire and a door to the dining room, which has laminate flooring and sliding doors to the conservatory.

With white high gloss units with contemporary chrome handles, the kitchen also has black granite-effect working surfaces, up stands, a sink and drainer, integrated oven and gas hob, a washing machine, a fridge, freezer, tiled flooring and a door to the garage.

Upstairs bedroom one has fitted wardrobes and overhead cupboards and a window to the front. Bedroom two has fitted wardrobes, loft access and views over the rear. Positioned to the front, bedroom three has a store cupboard and laminate flooring.

The bathroom has windows to the rear, a corner bath unit with a shower fitting over, a low level flush WC, wash hand basin, splash-back tiling and tiled flooring.

The rear garden has a main patio area to the lower level and steps leading up to lawns, borders and a patio area, further steps leading to two more tiers, which are mainly laid to lawn.

SEDGLEY £259,950



TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

AGENT: Hunters

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KEY FEATURES

Beautifully presented

Link detached

3 bedrooms

Quiet cul-de-sac

Elevated garden views



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Tranquil spot for ideal family home

KIDDERMINSTER
£189,950

A beautifully presented semi-detached family home in a quiet and convenient location, 16 Cedar Crescent, Kidderminster, is for sale through Halls Estate Agents at £189,950 with no chain.

This is a well presented family home in a cul-de-sac.

The property has comfortable accommodation over two floors to include three bedrooms and a family bathroom with a generous living room with dining space, fitted kitchen and ground floor cloakroom/WC.

The property sits within a generous plot with plenty of off-road parking to the front, leading to a detached garage with attractive private and enclosed gardens to the rear.

Contact the selling agents, Halls Estate Agents on 01562 820880 or visit www.hallsgb.com



Detached bungalow is well placed for amenities

KINGSWINFORD
£249,950

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In a superb cul-de-sac position, this very well presented detached bungalow in Maidensbridge Drive, Wall Heath, Kingswinford, is for sale through Taylors Estate Agents at £249,950.

It is well placed for village shops and amenities and is further complemented by a level sunny and private rear garden, which is easy to maintain.

The accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, large reception hall with doors leading off to all accommodation, a generous lounge which overlooks the private rear garden, a breakfast kitchen, a lean-to conservatory, two double bedrooms (master with fitted wardrobes) and a shower room with a separate WC.

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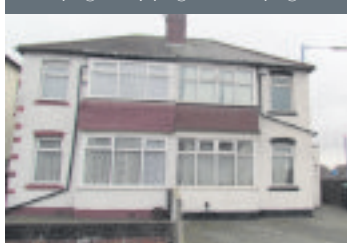
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Malcolm Court, Wolverhampton
Current gross income: £4,500 pa
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(plus fees)



Detached home with parking and garage

CODSALL
£245,000

This three-bedroom detached house in Birches Road, Codsall comes with gardens and off road parking plus a garage.

It is for sale through Dallow & Dallow at £245,000.

It has a single glazed porch to the front door and entrance hallway which has a cloakroom/WC off.

The front living room has a bay window and a gas fire. The rear living room has a gas fire. The kitchen has been extended out to the rear garden. Upstairs, bedroom one is a double with a bay window to the front and with built-in wardrobes. There is a further bedroom to the front which is a single, plus a rear double bedroom. The bathroom has a WC, wash hand basin and a bath.

Contact Dallow & Dallow on 01902 420208.



Extended property has been well maintained

LANESFIELD
£139,950

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Situated in Lanesfield with easy access to the town centre and commuter links, 26 Laburnum Road, Lanesfield, Wolverhampton is for sale through DB Roberts & Partners Estate Agents at £139,950.

The extended property has been well maintained and is presented to a good standard throughout.

It has excellent living space and would be ideal for first time buyers, investors or even those wishing to downsize.

It has an entrance hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen opening into the extended dining room, two good sized bedrooms and a family bathroom.

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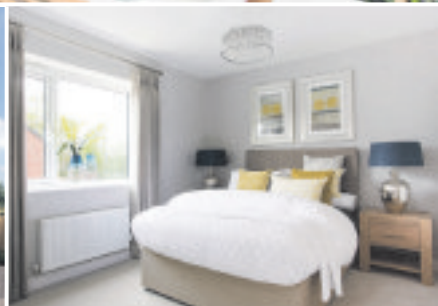
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GORNAL WOOD , Himley Road

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SEDGLEY, Northway

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BILSTON, Clapgate Gardens, Sedgmoor Park

FINE CORNER PLOT - Enviably situated at head of cul-de-sac; tremendously modernised and improved UPVC double glazed and gas centrally heated detached family home upon fine 'end plot' comprising entrance hallway, lounge with bay, enlarged **18'3"** refitted **DINING KITCHEN** with a extensive range of 'high gloss white' finish units and many integrated appliances, pantry, utility room, separate toilet. **FOUR BEDROOMS** (principle bedroom with shower room en suite), bathroom, garage, garden. EPC: TBA **SEDGLEY**.

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£224,950



WOODSETTON, Brook Street

Stunningly presented well maintained **DETACHED** property on spacious corner plot in the popular Woodsetton area. With gas central heating & double glazing this well-proportioned modern family home also comprises: porch, hall, guest W/C, living room, conservatory, attractive kitchen, **THREE BEDROOMS**, bathroom, enclosed rear garden and ample drive to front. EPC: TBA **SEDGLEY**

Offers in the region of **£224,950**



KINGSWINFORD, Denleigh Road

With a **GOOD SIZED** and **ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN**, **LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY** and **GARAGE**, this **MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME** offers a **GENEROUS** and **BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED** layout which includes **CONSERVATORY** and **THREE BEDROOMS**. EPC D

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COSELEY, Turls Hill Road. Hurst Hill

Fantastically situated with open country views to front and woodland to the back, this ideal starter home has so much to offer. As well as double glazing and gas central heating this **TWO BEDROOMS** property also boasts entrance porch, living room, breakfast-kitchen, utility room/ guest W/C, bathroom, rear garden and drive to front. Offered with **NO UPWARD CHAIN**. EPC Rating D **SEDGLEY**.

Offers in the region of **£174,950**



COSELEY, Lansdowne Close, Bramford estate

CLEAR (WITHIN 20 METRES) MINING SEARCH! Well presented semi-detached property located on sought after **BRAMFORD ESTATE**. Benefiting from gas central heating & double glazing, this **EXTENDED** family home comprises: hallway, living room, extended dining room, kitchen, utility, guest W/C, **THREE BEDROOMS**, bathroom, garden, driveway to front. **NO UPWARD CHAIN**. EPC:D **SEDGLEY**.

Offers in the region of **£174,950**



DUDLEY, Grenville Road

This **BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED & THOUGHTFULLY ENLARGED, SEMI-DETACHED HOME** comprises: Porch, Hall, Attractive through Lounge, Conservatory, Superb Well Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Modern Shower Room, Driveway, Established Garden. EPC D

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SEDGLEY, Gate Street

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LOWER GORNAL, Haslingden Crescent

STYLISH & WELL PRESENTED gas centrally heated, double glazed end 'starter home' comprising: hallway, cloakroom, boiler/freezer cupboard, kitchen with 'high gloss cream' finish contemporary styled units and various integrated appliances, living/dining room (with double French doors out to garden). Two bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units), bathroom. Garden & allocated **TWO CAR PARKING**, Personal Inspection Vital. EPC:TBC **SEDGLEY**

Offers in the region of **£147,500**



NETHERTON, Wharf Mews

This **CONTEMPORARY STYLE, TWO BEDROOM, SEMI-DETACHED HOME** comprises: Entrance Hall, Guests W.C, Stylish Lounge, **STUNNING KITCHEN**, **TWO DOUBLE WELL DECORATED BEDROOMS**, Modern White Suite Bathroom, Generous Driveway & Pretty Rear Garden. EPC: C

£137,500



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Spacious, **ENLARGED**, gas centrally heated (recent combi boiler) & recently uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district with good distant views comprising: porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, lobby, separate w.c., utility room, Three bedrooms, bathroom, Ample side space offering significant potential. Sheltered garden & good distant views. EPC: TBA **SEDGLEY**

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WOMBOURNE, Lamb Crescent

An **IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS FIRST FLOOR MAISONETTE** which is superbly located, just into Lamb Crescent with its very own private lawned rear garden. The accommodation is **VERY GENEROUS** and **WELL PRESENTED** throughout and includes **TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS**. EPC D

£104,950



LOWER GORNAL, Kennedy Crescent

Spacious, modernised UPVC double glazed **TWO BEDROOM** first floor flat in quiet backwater location representing ideal possibility for first time buyers or buy-to-let investors comprising 17'5" reception hall, 16'5" lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, two bedrooms, upgraded shower room with white suite, **ALLOCATED GARDEN**. EPC: D **SEDGLEY**.

Offers in the region of **£75,000**



Ideal first house with attractive landscaped rear garden for sale

UPPER GORNAL

£125,000

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Ideal for a first time or investment buyer, this modern two-bedroomed town house in Rubens Close, Upper Gornal, Dudley, is for sale through Wakeman Estate Agents at £125,000.

It is situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac with two car parking spaces and a recently well landscaped, low maintenance rear garden.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a storm porch, a living room, a landing, two bedrooms, a bathroom, parking and a garden.

It is located within an established residential area between Dudley and Sedgley and is convenient for a wide range of amenities.

The property has excellent panoramic views to the front.

Well presented throughout, it has gas central heating and double glazing.

Contact Wakeman on 01384 459999 or visit www.wakeman-online.com



Bespoke home is full of the wow factor

SEDGLEY

£560,000

A bespoke property with the wow factor, 171 Wolverhampton Road, Sedgley, is for sale through Taylors Estate Agents now at £560,000 with no chain.

An exquisitely presented period detached family home, it is situated on its own private drive in a sought-after, secluded and unique location in Sedgley.

It features an imposing entrance hallway, three reception rooms, a hand-crafted kitchen/diner, attractive guest W/C, utility room, three double bedrooms, two bathrooms, a double garage and an enormous gravelled driveway to the front.

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Four-bedroomed detached home in a cul-de-sac

New to the property market, this impressive modern four-bedroomed detached family home in Fieldfare Road, Stourbridge, lies at the head of a cul-de-sac in a convenient location.

It is for sale through Hicks Hadley estate agents at £350,000. It is close to amenities including local schools, shopping, the Merry Hill centre and

STOURBRIDGE

£350,000

public transport services including Stourbridge Junction and Lye Railway Stations, with direct access to Birmingham city centre.

The property's accommodation

briefly comprises a lounge, a separate dining room, a fitted kitchen, a cloakroom/WC and a utility. To the first floor are four bedrooms, the master having an en-suite and a house bathroom. To the front is a driveway and a garage with lawn and to the rear is a garden with a patio and lawn beyond.

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MOTORING

YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO THE BEST CARS ON THE MARKET

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Arona has right credentials to impact competition

By John Griffiths

A major investment in new models has put SEAT in the driving seat in terms of sales, with its latest revelation looking a strong contender in one of the UK market's most competitive areas.

Its Arona is the company's second SUV-styled model, a little smaller than its stablemate the Ateca but larger than the new Ibiza on which it is based.

With prices starting at £16,555 it isn't the cheapest in the highly competitive compact SUV sector, but SEAT is relying on its high equipment levels and sporty driving dynamics to drive sales.

There is no pretence of off-road ability: the Arona comes in front wheel drive form only, but judging by the sales of chief rivals most buyers want the look and extra height (for visibility and ease of access) in a car of this size and price, with few opting for the more expensive 4WD option even where it's available.

It's an area of the market where SEAT must dip its toes if it is to continue its growth – bucking the trend of declining sales in the UK with a whopping 18.2 per cent increase last year. Indeed, it is now the fastest growing volume manufacturer in Europe.

There's more to come over the next two years, including a full size SUV to join the Arona and Ateca and a further five new models, including an electric car.

The company's optimism is justified as its first

SUV, the Ateca, has won ten UK awards and a year after its launch demand is still outstripping supply.

Now the Arona will be taking on the likes of the popular Renault Captur, Nissan Juke and the new Citroën C3 Aircross.

The Arona has presence: the familiar sculpted body panels, the extra height and the availability of metallic paint and a contrasting colour roof at no extra cost. It also has SEAT's award-winning infotainment and connectivity system on higher grade models, including the option of Amazon's 'Alexa' voice interface.

There are six trim levels, including two sporting themed versions (the FR and FR Sport) and two blinged-up luxury versions, the Xcellence and Xcellence Lux.

The turbocharged petrol engines range from 95 to 150PS, and there are two versions of the familiar 1.6 litre turbo diesel rated at either 95 or 150PS.

A popular choice is likely to be the 1.0 TSI, a three cylinder petrol engine already used across the SEAT (including the new Ibiza) VW and Skoda ranges which has made a name for itself for its combination of lively, refined performance and economy.

The test was the 115Ps version, but that's only part of the story: thanks to the turbo it also produces 200Nm of torque (not far off a small diesel) from low revs.

Combined with a six-speed gearbox (there are five ratios on the 95Ps model) it means it's quick off the mark (0 to 62mph in 9.8 seconds)

but refined, being barely audible while cruising at motorway speeds. It is also capable of averaging more than 57mpg (official test figures) with a low 113g/km CO2 rating.

Drivers after more performance may opt for the 150PS, 1.5TSi engine which cuts a second and a half off the sprint time for only a 3mpg fuel penalty, while for the high mileage driver in search of ultimate economy the diesels can boast figures around the 70mpg mark.

The brakes are powerful but progressive, while the steering is light but communicative, helping you feel at one with the car.

The FR version's ride is firmish, but not too harsh and body roll is well-controlled – this is a model clearly focussed on dynamics which is something of a departure for the class. It handles the twisty bits like a 'warm' hatchback, in spite of its extra height.

The interior is contemporary and well designed: the instruments and centre control touchscreen well laid out with a full, contrasting 'bar' running the full width of the dash.

Much of the latest technology from SEAT's larger models has found its way into the Arona, too, such as rain and light sensors, and a range of safety systems such as driver tiredness alert, tyre pressure warning, front assist, stability control, and front side and curtain airbags.

Air conditioning, alloy wheels, multi media system with steering wheel remote controls and cruise control are also standard.

FR and Xcellence Lux versions also include



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dynamic chassis control options which allow the driver to set up the car (normal, sport, eco or individual).

Apart from the entry-level SE model, Aronas also come with satellite navigation, a full MirrorLink system for smartphones, wireless phone charging, a CD player and rear parking sensors. FR versions get a sporting look, with features such as sports seats and tinted windows, while the FR Sport upgrades the upholstery to alcantara. Xcellence trim adds blind spot and rear cross detection, adaptive

cruise control and climatronic air conditioning.

The top of the range Xcellence Lux, which starts from £22,095 with the 1.0 litre turbo engine, also gets front parking sensors, a rear view camera and a park assist system.

Taken as a package, the Arona has the right credentials to make an impact against the competition, and while car buyers continue to show an insatiable desire for SUV-styled cars – by far the fastest growing area of the market – it has every chance of becoming as popular as the Ateca.

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The Stonic is Kia's first venture into this competitive market sector

In the market for a compact SUV? Then try a Kia Stonic

By Carmel Stewart

Proof, if proof were needed, that the SUV market is taking over the automotive world, comes in the shape of yet another chunky, robust, highly capable model easing its way into the segment to challenge all comers.

In a market which is expected to see European sales doubling to more than two million in the next couple of years, the Kia Stonic may well prove to be a worthy challenger.

Sitting on the Rio supermini platform and built in South Korea, the Stonic is Kia's first venture into this highly competitive market sector. Prices start at £16,295 – so slightly pricier than its rivals – but Kia argues that it has a more extensive standard spec list and that unbeatable seven-year warranty.

As always, Kia has kept things simple with three tried and tested engines, one manual transmission and two trim levels – Grade 2 and First Edition.

The peppy 1.0litre, 118bhp three-cylinder turbo charged petrol unit, well matched to the six-speed manual transmission will, more than likely, be top choice for most buyers. Not only will it average 56.5mpg but it will also zap from a standing start to 60mph in less than ten seconds so, unless you are looking for a getaway vehicle, that should be fast enough for most of us.



Standard specification includes Apple CarPlay

The entry-level 1.4litre, 98bhp petrol, averages 51.4 mpg. It is less powerful than the 1.0litre and is only available with Grade 2 trim but is the lowest priced.

The 1.6litre, 108bhp turbo diesel sits less comfortably under the bonnet of the Stonic than the petrol units. Certainly, it has more torque than the others and it'll be first choice for anyone who needs to soak up the miles, averaging as it does 67.3mpg. It also clocked up the lowest CO2 but it wasn't as quiet or as much fun.

If an auto is a must there is one available but no 4WD is on the cards as, surprisingly, the take-up for all-wheel drive in this sector of the market is only eight per cent.

On the road, the Stonic is a sweet, smooth, solid performer, offering a comfortable, composed, enjoyable drive, presenting no problems right from the off.

Being engineered with European roads in mind, its well-tuned suspension, responsive steering and high driving position all engender confidence. Road holding, even when pushed into sharp corners, is unwavering, thanks in part at least to the standard fit electronic stability control and vehicle stability management which combine to do pretty much as described, keeping the vehicle firmly on the straight and narrow.

Standard spec includes 17-inch alloys, skid plates, air con, all-round electric windows, roof rails, rear parking sensors, Bluetooth and LED daytime running lights, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity with smartphone integration.

Electronic safety aids, which even just a few years ago were very expensive optional extras, are now fitted as standard by many manufacturers – Kia Included.

Hill start assist is standard across the range as is vehicle stability management while autonomous emergency braking, lane departure warning, high beam assist, driver attention alert and blind spot detection are standard in First Edition.

Also standard on this higher spec model are touch screen navigation with traffic messages, high beam assist which automatically switches the lights between dipped and full beam according to the traffic around it and the local street lighting, contrasting interior colour options, two-tone exterior paint and those delights of winter driving, heated front seats and steering wheel.

The roof, wing mirror casings and rear spoiler can be picked out in either black, lime green, red or orange – which look far better than they sound – depending on the choice of main body colour, and there are colour accents in the interior on the seats and around the lower centre console and display screen areas.

If you are in the market for a compact SUV, the Kia Stonic should be on your test drive list, at the very least.

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Pricing and specifications for MG ZS

By James Parker

MG has announced pricing and specifications for its new ZS compact SUV. Starting from £12,495, the Chinese-built model is available with zero-per cent finance and a seven-year, 80,000-mile manufacturer warranty that is transferable to any owner during the period.

Engines

Two petrol engines and gearboxes are available for the car. The entry-level motor is a 1.5-litre developing 105bhp and 141Nm of torque, paired to a five-speed manual gearbox, taking the ZS from 0-60mph in 10.4 seconds and up to a top speed of 109mph. Fuel economy is claimed 49.6mpg with CO2 emissions of 129g/km.

The second engine is a turbocharged 1.0-litre that produces 109bhp and 160Nm of torque which, coupled with a six-speed automatic gearbox, can take the ZS from 0-60mph in 12.1 seconds and to a top speed of 112mph. As for efficiency, fuel economy is claimed at 44.9mpg with 144g/km of CO2 emissions.

Three trim levels make up the ZS range — Explore, Excite and Exclusive. Standard equipment on all trims includes LED daytime running lights, Bluetooth connectivity and cruise control.

The range-topping Exclusive model features 17-inch alloy wheels, leather-style upholstery and an eight-inch touchscreen infotainment system that includes Apple CarPlay, satellite navigation and a reverse parking camera. Exclusive models are available from £17,495.



There are three trim levels in the range



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Matthew Cheyney, head of sales and marketing for MG, said: "With the introduction of a seven-year warranty, we are making a clear statement of intent about the quality of our design, engineering and manufacturing. "Our goal is to deliver hassle-free motoring in stylish cars that stand up to the toughest of challenges."



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Car of mum and dad – free taxis!

By James Parker

Ferrying family from one social engagement to another may be part of the job description, but it seems for some parents, it's almost a full-time occupation. New research has found the average parent spends 286 hours a year driving their kids around – almost two months' working days. If their journeys were on meter, that would earn them a whopping £9.8k a year.

The survey, which polled 2,000 parents for Vauxhall Motors, found that parents could take a road trip to sunny Lisbon for the equivalent of the 1,283 annual miles that they drive their kids on average.

But it's not just heading from A to B; parents spend an average of two working days a year simply waiting for their children in cars.

And not all trips are to the tune of "are we there yet?"; half (49 per cent) of parents use journeys to have a laugh with their kids and more than two fifths (44 per cent) say they enjoy the bonding time it offers.

Almost a third (31 per cent) admit that the moments spent in a car with their kids affords them quality time they wouldn't get elsewhere. But it seems that both parties get fuelled up over the music choices with a quarter (25 per cent) claiming the selection of tunes is the top in-car discussion.

The research revealed that car journeys are also a great way for parents to find out more about their kids. For both children and parents alike, playground chat is the top thing to natter about with almost half (48 per cent) discussing the latest gossip at school, sixth form or college.

A fifth (22 per cent) of parents use car journeys as an opportunity to eavesdrop on their kids' 'private' chats and one in six (17 per cent) say it's a good opportunity to quiz kids about their love life, with nowhere for them to run!

TV presenter and dad of two, Jeff Brazier comments: "I definitely do my fair share of ferrying the kids around, but it's fascinating to see how many hours of your life it actually takes up. It might seem like a chore at time, but it's true that those journeys are precious moments of quality time that you'll never get back."

Celebrate

Denis Chick, director of communications at Vauxhall Motors, added: "As a father of three, I've spent countless hours behind the wheel at the mercy of my children.

"At Vauxhall, we celebrate the small moments that make life brilliant. And family bonding time during a car trip epitomises just that."

The results show that while parenting really is a full-time job, the Cab of Mum and Dad is an important bonding experience between parents and their kids – and it's these moments that create priceless memories to make it all worthwhile.

The research supports the launch of Vauxhall Motors' newest player in the SUV car park, the Grandland X. The Grandland X is the largest SUV in Vauxhall's range with seating for five people, generous luggage space and a raft of technology, including WiFi for up to seven devices. It's priced from £22,310 on-the-road.



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Home & Services

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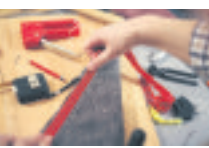
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Ghent ready to step back in at Genting

TOMMY Ghent believes the Genting Arena will be the perfect venue to get fans excited again following his four year hiatus from the sport.

The 25-year-old Coseley boxer will compete on BCB Boxing's 'Now Or Never' show on February 23 on the undercard of Frankie Gavin's bid for the IBO World Welterweight Championship against Bethuel Ushona.

"Gladiator" has been reinvigorated since returning to boxing with his brother Richie in his corner and wants to use this next fight to show why he is a title contender. He said: "Everything is going well. I am getting back into my stride again and I am looking forward to getting back in the ring."

"Having my brother around is fantastic. I am learning every day and I am being pushed to my limit which is what I want."

The show is packed full of local boxers and Ghent is delighted to be involved. "It is really exciting to be fighting in the Genting but I don't think I will be fazed by it," he said.

Tickets, from £40, are available from theticketfactory.com

Grapple for position to see stars of WWE

SUPERSTARS of American wrestling will be in action in Birmingham later this year. Grapple fans can enjoy all the thrills and spills as WWE Live returns to the Genting Arena.

Roman Reigns takes on The Miz in an Intercontinental Championship match, while also set to join the line up are the likes of Seth Rollins, Braun Strowman, Cesaro & Sheamus, Finn Balor, Alexa Bliss, Sasha Banks and Asuka.

The event has been described as a unique blend of sport and entertainment, combining in-ring match action with dramatic entertainment. Bursting with all the drama and energy of a rock concert, in a fun, lively and exciting environment, WWE Live is the ultimate in family entertainment.

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Kiwi all-rounder back for a blast with Bears

NEW ZEALAND all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme wants to go 'one step further' after rejoining Birmingham Bears for the 2018 Twenty20 Blast.

The 31-year-old helped the Bears to the final at Edgbaston last year, scoring 322 runs at a strike-rate of 170.32, as well as taking five wickets. In the final, they lost to Nottinghamshire Outlaws by 22 runs and de Grandhomme said he was hoping to go one better this time around.

"I absolutely loved my time with the Bears last season," he said. "We played some excellent T20 cricket and came very close to winning the T20 Blast on Finals Day."

"We've got a young squad with plenty of firepower, and I believe that we have every chance of going one step further in 2018. Playing in-front of a big crowd at Edgbaston with the fans in full voice is a special experience and I'm looking forward to returning to the Bears in July."

Bears' sport director Ashley Giles said: "He went on to play a huge role on our path to the final last year."



Fans line up to drum up support for their team



Living up the atmosphere



Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour link up to enjoy a fun day out at away games

Fans unite to create carnival atmosphere

IT is fan travel, but with a difference. Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour have linked up to provide a 'carnival atmosphere' on away days.

With the success of Nuno Espirito Santo's charges this season, sitting at the top of the Championship, various groups are putting on coaches to games.

Taffer Travels ran its largest-ever operation for the Carabao Cup loss at Manchester City earlier this season, providing eight coaches.

But the Punjabi Wolves Supporters and Wolves on Tour partnership took a different approach. Their focus was on quality, not quantity. Andy Sahota, who helped set up Punjabi Wolves back in 2007, said: "There's 50 of us, we don't want to do quantity - we want to do quality."

Welcome

"We want to keep the numbers low, but everybody that comes with us has a good time. We want to be like a family, at the end of the day. The people on the coach, we want to know them all. We welcome everybody."

One of the most popular Wolves supporters groups, Punjabi Wolves have made waves this season with their drum-led celebrations after games.

Wolves on Tour only started last campaign, but have gained a good following in that short time. Trips to Man City in October and Reading in November were hugely successful, as was the short journey to Birmingham.

"What we are trying to achieve is a carnival atmosphere," Sahota explained. "We want to try to create that, every game we go to. We want people from all different backgrounds to get together and have a good time. Going forward, that's what we are trying to do - we are trying to make it different

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from what other people are doing. We want to theme them and have a good time, a carnival."

Wolves on Tour is run by Ash Wilde. The relationship between his group and Punjabi Wolves started with the game at Nottingham Forest in September, which Nuno's men won 2-1.

Sahota added: "Our first travel was to Sunderland in 2007 and all we've wanted is people from all different backgrounds to have a good time - it doesn't matter where you are from. It's about enjoying yourself and partying."

"Ash got in touch with us and it's helped both parties, really - they've got the following, we've got the vibes and the quality. It works hand in hand."

Wilde insists Wolves on Tour came about following the buzz around a Facebook page he set up, called Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat.

On the partnership with Punjabi Wolves, he said: "It was a great combination, which started with Nottingham Forest away."

"We had been communicating since last season and I knew about the buzz, everything they bring to the away travel."

"Nottingham Forest, we were both talking and said 'let's link up and see how it goes'."

"Since then, we have done Sheffield

United, Man City which was brilliant and Reading with themed travel - a carnival atmosphere. It's just brilliant and it's about being a family and having fun. We started at the tail end of last season, in January, so we are quite new to the game but it's good fun."

"We basically started out from the Facebook page - Wolverhampton Wanderers FC News and Chat - and went on from there."

"We thought we'd have a go at the travelling, and it's good fun."

For Sahota and Wilde, the aim for any away match was to make it enjoyable and memorable for anybody who decides to travel with them.

And Wilde recognises that has been a lot easier to do now Wolves are playing at a very high level, as they have been for the vast majority of this term.

"When the team is playing well, everyone wants to go - there is a good vibe," he added.

"The football is the best I have seen in my lifetime - it's just unreal."

"There is a buzz about everyone, away games sell out in seconds. It's fantastic."

There are currently no further plans for Punjabi Wolves and Wolves on Tour to work together, with both groups focusing on their own activities.

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FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Off day for Glassboys and Yeltz

STOURBRIDGE suffered another blow to their Evo-Stik Premier play-offs hopes after going down 4-2 at Grantham – their second away defeat in a week.

After a 1-0 at defeat to Ashton United in midweek, the Glassboys started on the back-foot and went behind within 23 minutes through Andrew Wright.

Tom Potts' own goal brought Stourbridge level, but eight minutes later Daniel Meadows' effort bobbled past Stourbridge keeper Matt Gould.

As half-time approached, Lee Shaw rose highest to head home a Meadows cross to give the hosts a two-goal advantage and seconds later Michael Hollingworth added a fourth.

Stourbridge had a lifeline two minutes into the second half, but Leon Broadhurst saw his penalty saved. Second-half substitute Kyle Perry did have the last word, heading home his side's second goal in the dying moments.

Halesowen Town slipped into further trouble at the bottom of the Evo-Stik Premier, losing their fourth game in a row, 2-0 at Lancaster City. Basement boys Sutton Coldfield also won to close the gap on Yeltz to four points.

Lancaster made the early running and took the lead on 17 minutes when Daniel Platt failed to deal with a free-kick from Sam Bailey and Djabi Mamadu stooped to head in at the far post. Halesowen did come back a little bit in the half after Serigne Diop replaced Kyle Morrison and Spencer Weir-Daley forced a save out of the Lancaster goalkeeper just before the break.

The visitors' pressure continued after the break as they forced a number of corners, but they couldn't find a breakthrough. Lancaster secured the points on 71 minutes when Billy Akkrigg netted after a mazy 60-yard run.

Yeltz had to play the last ten minutes a man down after Bradley Lewis went off injured, one of three casualties on the day.

Envile unbeaten as champs lose again

ENVILLE remain the only unbeaten side in their half of the WCB Indoor League North Division.

Week 3 saw Matt Branch unbeaten on 34 as Envile reached 106-4, beating Oldswinford (63) by 43 runs.

Oldswinford lost both openers in the first two overs, then once Tom Slater and Jack Stanier were out the last pair were unable to gain any momentum.

Elsewhere, champions for the last two seasons Hagley have lost both their opening games. Chasing Pedmore's 107-4 they went down by three runs at 104-2. Dave Skelding was 27 not out for Pedmore and Paul Taylor unbeaten on 26. Mike Stead (26 no) and Joe Lennon (25 no) top scored in reply.

Kelly's eye on FA Cup of darts slot



Mark Craddock, left, and Liam Kelly

LIAM Kelly and Mark Craddock have booked their places at the 'FA Cup of Darts' after coming through qualifiers in Wolverhampton.

Dudley's Kelly and Cannock's Craddock fought their way to the last two to get their chance at glory at the 2018 UK Open. The finals are at Butlin's Min-head from March 2-4, broadcast on ITV4 and Rileys Sports Bars

are working alongside the PDC to produce 32 'wildcards' to join the latter's professionals, making up a 96-strong field.

Kelly and Craddock prevailed from the first weekend of competition. The next event is on February 18.

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DK JOB DONE IN FIRST HALF

DK 36 Camp Hill 0

A BONUS point win maintained DK's place on top of M1W in a game that was practically decided in the first half.

Twice in the opening 10 minutes, Camp Hill were penalised in quick succession for offside and from the second penalty, a DK scrummage led to stand-off Connah Jones breaking through for the try.

Tommy Walker crossed the line for the next score and Sam Vaughan added the extras.

DK's third try saw Walker and Jordan Brookes combine to hand off to Nic Adam and he went under the posts, with Vaughan again kicking the extras.

Try number four followed a penalty into the clubhouse corner. Pete Griffiths was fed from a line-out and he saw the opportunity to burst through the back of the Camp Hill line. The despairing tackle was too late to stop the number 8 and it was 24-0 to DK.

Huddles

The fifth try was purely down to the quick thinking and acceleration of scrum half Brookes, who raced clear to dot down under the posts. Another Vaughan conversion followed.

The half time huddles took place and more DK tries were expected in the second half.

They did start the half well, but only one more score materialised, with replacement flanker Mitch Grealey touching the ball down as it crossed the whitewash to finish the scoring at 36-0. The final quarter of the game saw Camp Hill come back into the game, but DK were able to keep the opposition out to record a clean sheet.

The score could have been extended with almost the last play of the game. DK conjured up a play that went the length of the pitch with Stef Shillingford striding for the line, only to be pulled back for a forward pass.

DK visit Worcester this weekend.

Thomas springs into action



Kristian Thomas with Park Wrekin elite programme head coach Brett Ince

OLYMPIC hero Kristian Thomas has joined the coaching staff at Telford gymnastics club Park Wrekin.

Thomas, who was born in Wolverhampton, trained at Earls Gym, Halesowen and now lives in Cannock, was a 2015 European gold medalist and member of Team GB's bronze medal-winning London 2012 men's artistic gymnastics squad.

He joins Park Wrekin as head of the club's

recreational programme. He was guest of honour at the launch of the club's new premises in September and cut the ribbon to launch a £200,000 investment in new Olympic-quality equipment and facilities.

Christine Still, head coach at Park Wrekin and trust board member said: "We are all very excited by Kristian joining our coaching team."

Thomas said: "I am privileged to become a part of their team."

Dwyer back in the saddle at Heathens

CONOR Dwyer is back for Cradley's National Trophy campaign, turning down a permanent third tier spot to do so.

He joins the latest teenage hotshots to have been snapped up by Heathens.

Dwyer, aged 24, enjoyed some fine performances in Heathens colours last season and was desperate to come back.

And despite Cradley's absence from the 2018 National League, Dwyer has sacrificed extra meetings of his own to represent the Heathens once again.

Co-promoter Gary Patchett said: "That sums up Conor's dedication and commitment. Even though he was offered a full team spot with another club in our group, he turned that down just so that he could ride for us in fewer meetings in the National Trophy."

The acquisition of Dwyer follows the signing of Kyle Bickley, who became the third 15-year-old in a week to sign on at Heathens. The club followed up by snapping another hot prospect.

Bickley, who turns 16 this month, joins Drew Kemp and Jason Edwards in the side along with skipper Adam Roynon. Now, another 16-year-old, Jordan Jenkins, who also rides for Mildenhall, has become the latest rising star to join Cradley's National Trophy side.

Bickley said: "It's a really good club. Friendly people, friendly management. I don't see why I can't do well. I am proud to represent the club."

Bickley will ride for his local club Workington in the Championship and Belle Vue Colts in the National League with Heathens unable to secure enough dates for a full season.

Jenkins said: "Cradley is a great club and I'm looking forward to it."

Boss Will Pottinger said: "The team is coming together very nicely."

Wrestling action is back at the Cornbow

WRESTLING returns to the Cornbow Hall in Halesowen this weekend.

Presented by Alternative Wrestling World, the first bell will sound on the Back to the Future event at 6.30pm on Saturday.

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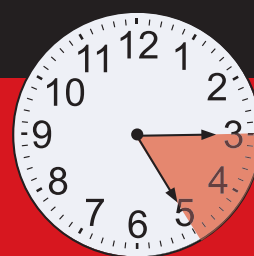
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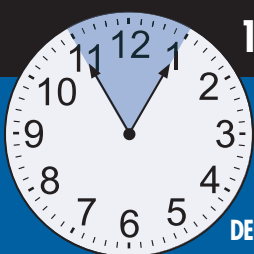
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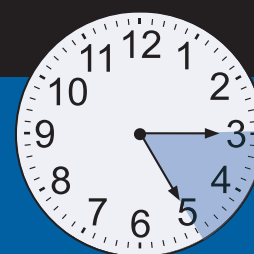
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Purchase Fee	£10.00
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Total Amount Payable	£22,594.04

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